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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF RESPECTFUL AND PERSON-FIRST LANGUAGE."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 1-25 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

5 The forms of oaths shall be as follows, to wit:

6 FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, EXECUTIVE

7 AND JUDICIAL OFFICERS.

8 You do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that you will
9 support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of
10 the state of Connecticut, so long as you continue a citizen thereof; and
11 that you will faithfully discharge, according to law, the duties of the

12 office of to the best of your abilities; so help you God.

13 FOR NOTARIES PUBLIC.

14 You do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that you will
15 support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of
16 the state of Connecticut; and that you will faithfully discharge,
17 according to law, the duties of the office of notary public to the best of
18 your abilities; so help you God.

19 FOR ELECTORS.

20 You solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that you will be
21 true and faithful to the constitutions and governments of the State of
22 Connecticut and the United States of America; that the statements
23 made in your application for admission as an elector are true and
24 complete; and that your privileges as an elector are not forfeited by
25 reason of conviction of a felony; so help you God.

26 FOR ATTORNEYS.

27 You solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm, as the case
28 may be, that you will do nothing dishonest, and will not knowingly
29 allow anything dishonest to be done in court, and that you will inform
30 the court of any dishonesty of which you have knowledge; that you
31 will not knowingly maintain or assist in maintaining any cause of
32 action that is false or unlawful; that you will not obstruct any cause of
33 action for personal gain or malice; but that you will exercise the office
34 of attorney, in any court in which you may practice, according to the
35 best of your learning and judgment, faithfully, to both your client and
36 the court; so help you God or upon penalty of perjury.

37 FOR PETIT JURORS IN CRIMINAL CAUSES.

38 You solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm, as the case
39 may be, that you will, without respect of any persons or favor of any
40 person, decide this case between the state of Connecticut and the
41 defendant (or defendants) based on the evidence given in court and on

42 the laws of this state, as explained by the judge; that you will not talk
43 to each other about this case until instructed to do so; that you will
44 listen to and consider what the other jurors have to say in deliberations
45 about this case; that you will not speak to anyone else, or allow anyone
46 else to speak to you, about this case until you have been discharged by
47 the court; and that when you reach a decision, you will not disclose the
48 decision until it is announced in court; so help you God or upon
49 penalty of perjury.

50 FOR ALTERNATE JURORS IN CRIMINAL CAUSES.

51 You solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm, as the case
52 may be, that, if you become a member of the jury for this case, you
53 will, without respect of any persons or favor of any person, decide this
54 case between the state of Connecticut and the defendant (or
55 defendants) based on the evidence given in court and on the laws of
56 this state, as explained by the judge; that you will not talk to each other
57 about this case until instructed to do so; that you will listen to and
58 consider what the other jurors have to say in deliberations about this
59 case; that you will not speak to anyone else, or allow anyone else to
60 speak to you about this case until you have been discharged by the
61 court; and that when you reach a decision, you will not disclose the
62 decision until it is announced in court; so help you God or upon
63 penalty of perjury.

64 FOR JURORS IN CIVIL CAUSES.

65 You solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm, as the case
66 may be, that you will decide this case between the plaintiff and the
67 defendant (or plaintiffs and defendants) based on the evidence given
68 in court and on the laws of this state as explained by the judge; that
69 you will not talk to each other about this case until instructed to do so;
70 that you will listen to and consider what the other jurors have to say in
71 deliberations about this case; that you will not speak to anyone else, or
72 allow anyone else to speak to you, about this case; and that when you
73 reach a decision, you will not disclose the decision until it is

74 announced in court; so help you God or upon penalty of perjury.

75 FOR ALTERNATE JURORS IN CIVIL CAUSES.

76 You solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm, as the case
77 may be, that, if you become a member of the jury for this case, you will
78 decide this case between the plaintiff and the defendant (or plaintiffs
79 and defendants) based on the evidence given in court and on the laws
80 of this state as explained by the judge; that you will not talk to each
81 other about this case until instructed to do so; that you will listen to
82 and consider what the other jurors have to say in deliberations about
83 this case; that you will not speak to anyone else, or allow anyone else
84 to speak to you, about this case; and that when you reach a decision,
85 you will not disclose the decision until it is announced in court; so help
86 you God or upon penalty of perjury.

87 VOIR DIRE.

88 You solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm, as the case
89 may be, that you will answer truthfully all questions that you are
90 asked, none of which will be about the merits of the case for which the
91 jury is being selected; so help you God or upon penalty of perjury.

92 FOR WITNESSES.

93 You solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm, as the case
94 may be, that the evidence you shall give concerning this case shall be
95 the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth; so help you God
96 or upon penalty of perjury.

97 FOR INVESTIGATORY GRAND JURY WITNESSES.

98 You solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm, as the case
99 may be, that the evidence you shall give concerning this investigation
100 into the commission of a crime or crimes, shall be the truth, the whole
101 truth and nothing but the truth; so help you God or upon penalty of
102 perjury.

103 FOR WITNESSES TWELVE YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER.

104 You promise that you will tell the truth.

105 FOR AN INTERPRETER IN A CRIMINAL CASE.

106 You solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm, as the case
107 may be, that you will interpret accurately the information (or
108 indictment) that charges the accused with a crime and all questions
109 that the accused may be asked under the direction of the court in a
110 language the accused can understand and speak; that you will
111 interpret accurately the pleas of the accused to the information (or
112 indictment) and the answers of the accused to the court (or to the court
113 and jury) in English; and that you will make all interpretations to the
114 best of your skill and judgment; so help you God or upon penalty of
115 perjury.

116 FOR AN INTERPRETER IN COURT.

117 You solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm, as the case
118 may be, that you will interpret accurately the oath to be administered
119 to the witness and all questions that the witness may be asked under
120 direction of the court in a language the witness can understand and
121 speak; that you will interpret accurately the answers of the witness to
122 the court (or to the court and jury) in English; and that you will make
123 all interpretations to the best of your skill and judgment; so help you
124 God or upon penalty of perjury.

125 FOR AN INTERPRETER FOR A [DEAF

126 OR HEARING IMPAIRED] JUROR WHO IS DEAF OR HARD OF
127 HEARING.

128 You solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm, as the case
129 may be, that you will interpret accurately to a [deaf or hearing
130 impaired] juror who is deaf or hard of hearing the juror orientation
131 program, any oath to be administered to the juror, all testimony and
132 other relevant conversation, and all questions that the juror may be

133 asked under the direction of the court; that you will interpret
134 accurately the answers of the juror to the court in English; that you will
135 not participate in any manner in the deliberations of the jury other
136 than making an accurate interpretation of the remarks of the jurors
137 during deliberations; that you will make all interpretations to the best
138 of your skill and judgment; and that you will not communicate with
139 anyone outside the jury concerning the business or matters before the
140 jury; so help you God or upon penalty of perjury.

141 FOR ASSESSORS, TO SUBSCRIBE UPON ABSTRACT.

142 I, ..., assessor of the town of ..., do solemnly swear or solemnly and
143 sincerely affirm, as the case may be, that I believe that all the lists, and
144 the abstract of said town for the year 20.., are made up and perfected
145 according to law; so help me God or upon penalty of perjury.

146 FOR PLAINTIFF, WHEN INDIFFERENT PERSON IS

147 AUTHORIZED TO SERVE WRIT.

148 You solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm, as the case
149 may be, that you believe the plaintiff is (or plaintiffs are) in danger of
150 losing the debt (damage or other thing) in this writ, unless an
151 indifferent person is authorized to immediately serve this writ; so help
152 you God or upon penalty of perjury.

153 FOR MEMBERS OF A COURT-MARTIAL.

154 You solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that you will
155 truly try and determine, according to the evidence given in court, the
156 matters depending between this state and the officer (or officers) now
157 to be tried; that you will not divulge the sentence of the court until the
158 same shall have been approved or disapproved, according to law;
159 neither will you, at any time, disclose the vote or opinion of any
160 member of the court, unless required by due course of law; so help you
161 God.

162 FOR THE JUDGE-ADVOCATE OF A COURT-MARTIAL.

163 You solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that you will
164 not, at any time whatever, disclose the vote or opinion of any member
165 of any court-martial in which you may be called to act, unless required
166 by due course of law, nor divulge the sentence of any such court,
167 unless the same shall have been approved or disapproved, according
168 to law; and that you will faithfully and impartially do the duty of
169 judge-advocate, according to your best ability; so help you God.

170 FOR OFFICIALS APPOINTED TO SERVE IN ANY POLLING
171 PLACE IN ANY ELECTION OR PRIMARY.

172 You solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that you will
173 faithfully discharge, according to law, your duties as ..., to the best of
174 your ability; and that you will serve in this election or primary as the
175 case may be, as an official, completely impartial with respect to any
176 candidate or any political party; so help you God.

177 FOR ALL OTHER PERSONS OF WHOM AN OATH IS REQUIRED.

178 You solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm, as the case
179 may be, that you will faithfully discharge, according to law, your
180 duties as ... to the best of your abilities; so help you God or upon
181 penalty of perjury.

182 Sec. 2. Section 4a-25a of the general statutes is repealed and the
183 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

184 The Commissioner of Administrative Services is authorized to enter
185 into a loss portfolio arrangement program for the purpose of
186 transferring a group of workers' compensation claims to an
187 independent third party. Claims that qualify for transfer to such
188 program shall be approved state employees' claims which require
189 payment of future indemnity benefits and payment of medical benefits
190 to certain [disabled] workers with disabilities. Such program shall
191 provide that the independent third party shall, as part of the
192 assumption of liability, become responsible for the management and

193 administration of the transferred liability and shall require such party
194 to administer the individual workers' compensation claims in
195 accordance with the Connecticut general statutes.

196 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 4b-31 of the general statutes is
197 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
198 *October 1, 2017*):

199 (a) "Human services" means adoption and foster care services;
200 advocacy services; alcohol and drug abuse services; case management
201 services; school readiness programs; Head Start programs; family
202 resource centers; child and adult day care; community-based services;
203 community organization services; counseling, guidance and appraisal
204 services; day treatment services; employment, compensatory
205 education, adult education and training; energy payment assistance;
206 family planning services; health services; home care, management and
207 maintenance services; housing services; human resource development
208 services; income assistance; information and referral services; mental
209 health services; intellectual disability services; nutrition services;
210 parole supervision; protective services; residential treatment services;
211 services to [the blind, the deaf, the developmentally disabled, the
212 disabled, the hearing impaired, the visually impaired, the
213 handicapped] persons who are blind or visually impaired, persons
214 who are deaf or hard of hearing, persons with developmental
215 disabilities, persons with disabilities, the non-English-speaking and the
216 poor; social development services; social services; special
217 transportation services; and planning, management and evaluation
218 activities related to the services listed in this section.

219 Sec. 4. Subsection (j) of section 6-38b of the general statutes is
220 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
221 *October 1, 2017*):

222 (j) The commission shall adopt rules as it deems necessary for
223 conduct of its internal affairs, including, but not limited to, rules that
224 provide for: (1) The provision of timely, consistent and reliable access

225 to a state marshal for persons applying for a restraining order under
226 section 46b-15; (2) the provision of services to persons with limited
227 English proficiency; (3) the provision of services to persons who are
228 deaf or [hearing impaired] hard of hearing; and (4) service of process
229 that is a photographic copy, micrographic copy or other electronic
230 image of an original document that clearly and accurately copies such
231 original document. The commission shall adopt regulations in
232 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 for the application and
233 investigation requirements for filling vacancies in the position of state
234 marshal.

235 Sec. 5. Subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of
236 section 8-37qqq of the general statutes is repealed and the following is
237 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

238 (B) A comprehensive assessment of current and future needs for
239 rental assistance under section 8-119kk for housing projects for [the
240 elderly and disabled] persons who are elderly and persons with
241 disabilities, in consultation with the Connecticut Housing Finance
242 Authority;

243 Sec. 6. Section 8-119f of the general statutes is repealed and the
244 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

245 The Commissioner of Housing shall design, implement, operate and
246 monitor a program of congregate housing. For the purpose of this
247 program, the Commissioner of Housing shall consult with the
248 Commissioner on Aging for the provision of services for [the
249 physically disabled] persons with physical disabilities in order to
250 comply with the requirements of section 29-271.

251 Sec. 7. Section 8-119ll of the general statutes is repealed and the
252 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

253 Annually, the Department of Housing in consultation with the
254 Connecticut Housing Finance Authority shall conduct a
255 comprehensive assessment of current and future needs for rental

256 assistance under section 8-119kk for housing projects for [the state's]
257 elderly persons and [disabled] persons with disabilities in this state.
258 Such analyses shall be incorporated into the report required pursuant
259 to section 8-37qqq, as amended by this act.

260 Sec. 8. Subdivisions (4) and (5) of subsection (a) of section 8-169c of
261 the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in
262 lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

263 (4) A description of a program designed to (A) eliminate or prevent
264 slums, blight and deterioration where such conditions or needs exist;
265 (B) provide improved community facilities and public improvements,
266 including the provision of supporting health, social and similar
267 services where necessary and appropriate; and in a manner to insure
268 fully the opportunity for participation by, and benefits to, [the
269 physically disabled] persons with physical disabilities; and (C)
270 improved conditions for low and moderate income persons residing in
271 or expected to reside in the community and foster neighborhood
272 development in order to induce higher income persons to remain in, or
273 return to, the community;

274 (5) A description of a housing assistance plan which (A) accurately
275 describes the conditions of the housing stock within the community,
276 [and] assesses the housing assistance needs of low and moderate
277 income persons, including elderly [and handicapped persons] persons,
278 persons with disabilities, large families and persons displaced or to be
279 displaced residing in or expected to reside in the community, and
280 identifies housing stock which is in a deteriorated condition; (B)
281 specifies a realistic goal during the program period for the number of
282 dwelling units or persons to be assisted, including (i) the relative
283 proportion of new, rehabilitated and existing dwelling units, (ii) the
284 size and types of housing projects and assistance best suited to the
285 needs of the low and moderate income families and persons and (iii),
286 in the case of subsidized rehabilitation, adequate provisions to assure
287 that a preponderance of persons assisted are of low and moderate
288 income, and (C) indicates the general locations of proposed housing

289 for low and moderate income families and persons with the objective
290 of (i) furthering the revitalization of the community, including the
291 restoration and rehabilitation of stable neighborhoods to the maximum
292 extent possible, and the reclamation of the housing stock where
293 feasible through the use of a broad range of techniques for housing
294 restoration by local government, the private sector or community
295 organizations, including provision of a reasonable opportunity for
296 tenants displaced as a result of such activities to relocate in their
297 immediate neighborhood, (ii) promoting greater choice of housing
298 opportunities and avoiding undue concentration of assisted persons in
299 areas containing a high proportion of low-income persons and (iii)
300 assuring the availability of public facilities and services adequate to
301 serve proposed housing projects.

302 Sec. 9. Subsection (d) of section 8-210 of the general statutes is
303 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
304 *October 1, 2017*):

305 (d) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the Commissioner of
306 Early Childhood, may enter into a contract with a municipality, a
307 human resource development agency or a nonprofit corporation for
308 state financial assistance for a project of renovation of any child care
309 center receiving assistance under this section, to make such center
310 accessible to [the physically disabled] persons with physical
311 disabilities, in the form of a state grant-in-aid equal to (1) the total net
312 cost of the project, as approved by the Commissioner of Early
313 Childhood, or (2) the total amount by which the net cost of the project,
314 as approved by the Commissioner of Early Childhood, exceeds the
315 federal grant-in-aid thereof.

316 Sec. 10. Subsection (c) of section 8-216b of the general statutes is
317 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
318 *October 1, 2017*):

319 (c) Any grant-in-aid awarded to a housing site development agency
320 for a housing and community development project under this section

321 shall be used for one or more of the following activities: (1) Acquisition
322 of real property for housing or community facilities; (2) rehabilitation
323 of buildings for use as housing or community facilities; (3)
324 improvements supporting the development of low and moderate
325 housing, including site assemblage and preparation, site and public
326 improvements and preconstruction costs; (4) construction,
327 rehabilitation or renovation of community facilities or infrastructure
328 supporting community facilities, including neighborhood centers,
329 centers for [the handicapped] persons with disabilities, senior centers,
330 historic properties, public utilities, streets, street lighting, parking
331 facilities, sewer and drainage facilities, parks, playgrounds, and
332 recreation facilities; (5) removal of architectural barriers which restrict
333 the mobility and accessibility of [elderly and handicapped persons]
334 persons who are elderly and persons with disabilities; (6) relocation
335 payments and assistance to individuals and families; (7) building,
336 health and housing code enforcement activities; and (8) reasonable
337 administrative costs incurred by the grantee in connection with the
338 project. A redevelopment agency acting as a housing site development
339 agency shall have the power to condemn real property, in accordance
340 with the procedures set forth in sections 8-129 to 8-133, inclusive, for
341 the purpose of a housing and community development project.

342 Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 8-420 of the general statutes is
343 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
344 *October 1, 2017*):

345 (a) The Commissioner of Housing shall develop a program of loans
346 to homeowners for costs incurred in the repair, replacement or
347 enlargement of subsurface sewage disposal systems that have been
348 determined to be a nuisance in accordance with the Public Health
349 Code. As used in this section, "costs" include technical and installation
350 expenses and stabilization of topsoil but does not include landscaping.
351 Any loan provided pursuant to this section shall bear interest at a rate
352 to be determined in accordance with subsection (t) of section 3-20.
353 Repayment of any loan made to a person [who is handicapped or]
354 with physical disability or a person sixty-two years of age or older may

355 be deferred until such person transfers the property.

356 Sec. 12. Subsection (a) of section 9-168d of the general statutes is
357 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
358 *October 1, 2017*):

359 (a) On or before July 1, 1980, each polling place shall be made
360 accessible to and usable by [physically disabled] persons with physical
361 disabilities by complying with the following standards of accessibility:
362 (1) Doors, entrances, and exits used to gain access to or egress from the
363 polling place shall have a minimum width of thirty-one inches; (2)
364 temporary ramps shall be made available or curb cuts provided where
365 necessary for accessibility to the entrance; (3) any stairs necessarily
366 used to enter the polling place shall have a temporary handrail and
367 ramp; (4) in the polling place, no barrier shall impede the path of [the
368 physically disabled] a person with physical disability to the voting
369 booth.

370 Sec. 13. Subsection (b) of section 10-16b of the general statutes is
371 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
372 *October 1, 2017*):

373 (b) If a local or regional board of education requires its pupils to
374 take a course in a world language, the parent or guardian of a pupil
375 identified as deaf or [hearing impaired] hard of hearing may request in
376 writing that such pupil be exempted from such requirement and, if
377 such a request is made, such pupil shall be exempt from such
378 requirement.

379 Sec. 14. Subdivision (9) of section 10-16o of the general statutes is
380 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
381 *October 1, 2017*):

382 (9) Assure that children with disabilities are integrated into
383 programs available to children who [are not disabled] do not have
384 disabilities; and

385 Sec. 15. Subdivision (44) of subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the
386 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
387 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

388 (44) The Governor shall proclaim the third week in May of each year
389 to be ["A Week to Remember Persons who are Disabled or Shut-in"] A
390 Week to Remember Persons who have a Disability or are Shut-in.
391 Suitable exercises shall be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as
392 the Governor designates for the observance of the week.

393 Sec. 16. Subsection (d) of section 10-73a of the general statutes is
394 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
395 *October 1, 2017*):

396 (d) The board of education of any providing school district may
397 waive fees of any kind to [a handicapped adult] an adult with a
398 disability, as defined by the State Board of Education, or to a person
399 sixty-two years of age or older registered for, or enrolled in, adult
400 programs, classes or activities permitted by subparagraph (B) of
401 subsection (a) of section 10-69, provided such board may charge a
402 cooperating school district (1) a registration fee for any [handicapped]
403 adult with a disability or any person sixty-two years of age or older
404 who is a resident of such cooperating district and who is enrolled,
405 through cooperative arrangements approved by the State Board of
406 Education, in any adult class or program of adult classes maintained
407 by such providing school district and required under section 10-69;
408 and (2) a charge for any books or materials furnished to any such
409 person for use in any adult class or activity or program of adult classes
410 or activities required under section 10-69 or permitted by
411 subparagraph (B) of subsection (a) of section 10-69.

412 Sec. 17. Section 10-76jj of the general statutes is repealed and the
413 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

414 The individualized education program for any child identified as
415 deaf or [hearing impaired] hard of hearing shall include a language
416 and communication plan developed by the planning and placement

417 team for such child. Such language and communication plan shall
418 address: (1) The primary language or mode of communication chosen
419 for the child, (2) opportunities for direct communication with peers
420 and professional personnel in the primary language or mode of
421 communication for the child, (3) educational options available to the
422 child, (4) the qualifications of teachers and other professional
423 personnel administering such plan for the child, including such
424 teacher's or personnel's proficiency in the primary language or mode
425 of communication for the child, (5) the accessibility of academic
426 instruction, school services and extracurricular activities to the child,
427 (6) assistive devices and services for the child, and (7) communication
428 and physical environment accommodations for the child.

429 Sec. 18. Subsection (d) of section 10-145b of the general statutes is
430 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
431 *October 1, 2017*):

432 (d) (1) On and after July 1, 2016, in order to be eligible to obtain an
433 initial educator certificate, each person shall be required to complete
434 (A) a course of study in special education comprised of not fewer than
435 thirty-six hours, which shall include an understanding of the growth
436 and development of exceptional children, including [handicapped
437 and] children with a disability, gifted and talented children and
438 children who may require special education, and methods for
439 identifying, planning for and working effectively with special needs
440 children in a regular classroom, and (B) a course or courses of study in
441 special education relating to instruction on classroom techniques in
442 reading, differentiated instruction, social-emotional learning, cultural
443 competencies and assistive technology. The provisions of this
444 subdivision shall not apply to any person who has been issued an
445 initial educator certificate prior to July 1, 2016.

446 (2) On and after July 1, 2016, in order to be eligible to obtain a
447 provisional educator certificate, each person shall be required to
448 complete a course of study in special education comprised of not fewer
449 than thirty-six hours, which shall include an understanding of the

450 growth and development of exceptional children, including
451 [handicapped and] children with a disability, gifted and talented
452 children and children who may require special education, and
453 methods for identifying, planning for and working effectively with
454 special needs children in a regular classroom.

455 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection to the
456 contrary, each applicant for such certificates who has met all
457 requirements for certification except the completion of the course in
458 special education shall be entitled to a certificate (A) for a period not to
459 exceed one year, provided the applicant completed a teacher
460 preparation program either in the state prior to July 1, 1987, or outside
461 the state, or completed the necessary combination of professional
462 experience or coursework as required by the State Board of Education
463 or (B) for a period not to exceed two years if the applicant applies for
464 certification in an area for which a bachelor's degree is not required.

465 Sec. 19. Subsection (g) of section 10a-157a of the general statutes is
466 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
467 *October 1, 2017*):

468 (g) Not later than the start of the fall semester of 2014, the Board of
469 Regents for Higher Education, in consultation with Connecticut's P-20
470 Council, shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
471 4a, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
472 cognizance of matters relating to higher education regarding (1) its
473 recommendations concerning the successful transition of adults
474 returning to or first enrolling in a higher education program at a public
475 institution of higher education after spending time in the workforce,
476 and (2) the application of the provisions of sections 10a-157a to 10a-
477 157c, inclusive, to each higher education program for [hearing
478 impaired or deaf] students who are deaf or hard of hearing that is
479 offered by a public institution of higher education.

480 Sec. 20. Subsection (a) of section 10-220a of the general statutes is
481 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*

482 October 1, 2017):

483 (a) Each local or regional board of education shall provide an in-
484 service training program for its teachers, administrators and pupil
485 personnel who hold the initial educator, provisional educator or
486 professional educator certificate. Such program shall provide such
487 teachers, administrators and pupil personnel with information on (1)
488 the nature and the relationship of drugs, as defined in subdivision (17)
489 of section 21a-240, and alcohol to health and personality development,
490 and procedures for discouraging their abuse, (2) health and mental
491 health risk reduction education that includes, but need not be limited
492 to, the prevention of risk-taking behavior by children and the
493 relationship of such behavior to substance abuse, pregnancy, sexually
494 transmitted diseases, including HIV-infection and AIDS, as defined in
495 section 19a-581, violence, teen dating violence, domestic violence, child
496 abuse and youth suicide, (3) the growth and development of
497 exceptional children, including [handicapped and] children with a
498 disability, gifted and talented children and children who may require
499 special education, including, but not limited to, children with
500 attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder or learning disabilities, and
501 methods for identifying, planning for and working effectively with
502 special needs children in a regular classroom, including, but not
503 limited to, implementation of student individualized education
504 programs, (4) school violence prevention, conflict resolution, the
505 prevention of and response to youth suicide and the identification and
506 prevention of and response to bullying, as defined in subsection (a) of
507 section 10-222d, except that those boards of education that implement
508 any evidence-based model approach that is approved by the
509 Department of Education and is consistent with subsection (d) of
510 section 10-145a, sections 10-222d, 10-222g and 10-222h, subsection (g)
511 of section 10-233c and sections 1 and 3 of public act 08-160, shall not be
512 required to provide in-service training on the identification and
513 prevention of and response to bullying, (5) cardiopulmonary
514 resuscitation and other emergency life saving procedures, (6) computer
515 and other information technology as applied to student learning and

516 classroom instruction, communications and data management, (7) the
517 teaching of the language arts, reading and reading readiness for
518 teachers in grades kindergarten to three, inclusive, (8) second language
519 acquisition in districts required to provide a program of bilingual
520 education pursuant to section 10-17f, (9) the requirements and
521 obligations of a mandated reporter, (10) the teacher evaluation and
522 support program adopted pursuant to subsection (b) of section 10-
523 151b, (11) the detection and recognition of, and evidence-based
524 structured literacy interventions for, students with dyslexia, as defined
525 in section 10-3d, and (12) cultural competency consistent with the
526 training in cultural competency described in subsection (i) of section
527 10-145a. Each local and regional board of education may allow any
528 paraprofessional or noncertified employee to participate, on a
529 voluntary basis, in any in-service training program provided pursuant
530 to this section. The State Board of Education, within available
531 appropriations and utilizing available materials, shall assist and
532 encourage local and regional boards of education to include: (A)
533 Holocaust and genocide education and awareness; (B) the historical
534 events surrounding the Great Famine in Ireland; (C) African-American
535 history; (D) Puerto Rican history; (E) Native American history; (F)
536 personal financial management; (G) domestic violence and teen dating
537 violence; (H) mental health first aid training; (I) trauma-informed
538 practices for the school setting to enable teachers, administrators and
539 pupil personnel to more adequately respond to students with mental,
540 emotional or behavioral health needs; (J) second language acquisition,
541 including, but not limited to, language development and culturally
542 responsive pedagogy; and (K) topics approved by the state board upon
543 the request of local or regional boards of education as part of in-service
544 training programs pursuant to this subsection.

545 Sec. 21. Subsection (a) of section 10-292 of the general statutes is
546 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
547 *October 1, 2017*):

548 (a) Upon receipt by the Commissioner of Administrative Services of
549 the final plans for any phase of a school building project as provided in

550 section 10-291, said commissioner shall promptly review such plans
551 and check them to the extent appropriate for the phase of development
552 or construction for which final plans have been submitted to determine
553 whether they conform with the requirements of the Fire Safety Code,
554 the Department of Public Health, the life-cycle cost analysis approved
555 by the Commissioner of Administrative Services, the State Building
556 Code and the state and federal standards for design and construction
557 of public buildings to meet the needs of [disabled] persons with
558 disabilities, and if acceptable a final written approval of such phase
559 shall be sent to the town or regional board of education and the school
560 building committee. No phase of a school building project, subject to
561 the provisions of subsection (c) or (d) of this section, shall go out for
562 bidding purposes prior to such written approval.

563 Sec. 22. Section 10-293 of the general statutes is repealed and the
564 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

565 (a) There is established [a Board of Education and Services for the
566 Blind] an Advisory Board for Persons Who are Blind or Visually
567 Impaired that shall serve as an advisor to the Department of
568 Rehabilitation Services in fulfilling its responsibilities in providing
569 services to [the blind and] persons who are blind or visually impaired
570 in the state.

571 (b) (1) The [Board of Education and Services for the Blind] Advisory
572 Board for Persons Who are Blind or Visually Impaired shall consist of
573 members appointed as follows: Six appointed by the Governor, one
574 appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one appointed
575 by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one appointed by the
576 majority leader of the Senate, one appointed by the minority leader of
577 the Senate, one appointed by the majority leader of the House of
578 Representatives and one appointed by the minority leader of the
579 House of Representatives and all shall be residents of the state. The
580 Commissioner of Social Services shall be [a member, ex officio] an ex-
581 officio member. One of the members appointed by the Governor shall
582 be the parent of a child who receives services provided by the [board]

583 Department of Rehabilitation Services, and not less than two of the
584 members appointed by the Governor shall be [blind] persons who are
585 blind.

586 (2) Three members appointed by the Governor shall serve a term of
587 four years. Three members appointed by the Governor shall serve a
588 term of two years. The three members appointed by the president pro
589 tempore of the Senate, the majority leader of the Senate and the
590 minority leader of the Senate shall serve a term of four years. The three
591 members appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
592 the majority leader of the House of Representatives, and the minority
593 leader of the House of Representatives shall serve a term of two years.
594 Thereafter, all members shall be appointed for a term of four years,
595 commencing on January fourth of the year of the appointment.

596 (3) One of the members appointed by the Governor shall be
597 designated by the Governor as the chairperson of the advisory board.
598 The advisory board shall meet annually in the month of September
599 and may meet at any other time upon the call of its chairperson; and
600 the chairperson shall call a meeting at the request of two or more
601 members. Any appointed member who fails to attend three
602 consecutive meetings or fifty per cent of all meetings held during any
603 calendar year shall be deemed to have resigned. A majority of the
604 members in office shall constitute a quorum. The appointing authority
605 may, for reasonable cause, remove any appointed member and appoint
606 another person to fill the vacancy for the unexpired portion of the
607 term. Any vacancy in the [Board of Education and Services for the
608 Blind] advisory board shall be filled by the appointing authority for
609 the unexpired portion of the term.

610 Sec. 23. Subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of section 2c-2h of the
611 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
612 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

613 (3) [Board of Education and Services for the Blind] Advisory Board
614 for Persons Who are Blind or Visually Impaired, established under

615 section 10-293, as amended by this act;

616 Sec. 24. Subsection (b) of section 5-175a of the general statutes is
617 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
618 *October 1, 2017*):

619 (b) Any member of the state employees retirement system who
620 operated vending stands under permits held by the State Board of
621 Education and Services for the Blind pursuant to section 10-303, prior
622 to October 1, 1971, may obtain credit for such period or periods of
623 service for retirement purposes, ; provided [he] such member has
624 been in the active full-time employment of the state continuously for
625 twelve months next preceding [his] such member's written request to
626 the Retirement Commission for such credit, and by making retirement
627 contributions of five per cent of [his] such member's adjusted gross
628 income arising out of the operation of such stands for each of such
629 years with interest thereon at the rate of five per cent per year from the
630 time of such operation to the date of payment, all as certified by the
631 State Board of Education and Services for the Blind or, its successor
632 agency, the Department of Rehabilitative Services. Such payments may
633 be made in twelve equal monthly installments but such service credit
634 shall not be granted unless payment of installments is completed.

635 Sec. 25. Section 5-177 of the general statutes is repealed and the
636 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

637 Any person in the unclassified service employed full time by the
638 Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut, the State Board of
639 Education, the [Board of Education and Services for the Blind]
640 Department of Rehabilitative Services, the Connecticut Agricultural
641 Experiment Station, the American School for the Deaf, the Connecticut
642 Institute for the Blind, the Newington Children's Hospital, the Board of
643 Trustees of the Connecticut State University System or the Board of
644 Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges, as a teacher or
645 administrator in a position directly involved in educational activities in
646 any state-operated institution or the Board of Regents for Higher

647 Education, who served prior to [his] such person's employment by the
648 state in a full-time teaching, administrative or research position in an
649 educational institution in or under the authority of a state department
650 of education or a department of education for the blind in the United
651 States approved by the Retirement Commission, or who was employed
652 by such institution but served all or part of such service time in a
653 foreign country, for which service [he] such person has received or will
654 receive no retirement benefit or pension, may gain credit for such prior
655 service, not to exceed ten years in the aggregate, by making retirement
656 contributions for each year of such prior service equal to six per cent of
657 [his] such person's annual rate of compensation when [he] such person
658 first became a full-time employee of this state; provided such payment
659 shall be made within one year of [his] such person's first full-time
660 employment with the state, or before July 1, 1968, whichever is later,
661 but for the Board of Higher Education and Technical Colleges, July 1,
662 1974. When a person who has gained credit for such prior service
663 retires, not more than one year of such service may be counted for each
664 two years of state service; provided, if such person has purchased
665 more of such service than can be counted, refund on the amount paid
666 on the extra years of service shall be made.

667 Sec. 26. Section 10-295 of the general statutes is repealed and the
668 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

669 (a) All residents of this state, regardless of age, who, because of
670 blindness or impaired vision, require specialized vision-related
671 educational programs, goods and services, on the signed
672 recommendation of the Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services, shall
673 be entitled to receive such instruction, programs, goods and services
674 for such length of time as is deemed expedient by said commissioner.
675 Upon the petition of any parent or guardian of a [blind child or a child
676 with impaired vision] child who is blind or visually impaired, a local
677 board of education may provide such instruction within the town or it
678 may provide for such instruction by agreement with other towns as
679 provided in subsection (d) of section 10-76d. All educational privileges
680 prescribed in part V of chapter 164, not inconsistent with the

681 provisions of this chapter, shall apply to the pupils covered by this
682 subsection.

683 (b) The Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services shall expend funds
684 for the services made available pursuant to subsection (a) of this
685 section from the educational aid for [blind and visually handicapped]
686 children who are blind or visually impaired account in accordance
687 with the provisions of this subsection. The Commissioner of
688 Rehabilitation Services may adopt, in accordance with the provisions
689 of chapter 54, such regulations as the commissioner deems necessary
690 to carry out the purpose and intent of this subsection.

691 (1) The Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services shall provide, upon
692 written request from any interested school district, the services of
693 teachers [of the visually impaired] who instruct students who are
694 visually impaired, based on the levels established in the individualized
695 education or service plan. The Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services
696 shall also make available resources, including, but not limited to, the
697 [Braille] braille and large print library, to all teachers of public and
698 nonpublic school children. The commissioner may also provide vision-
699 related professional development and training to all school districts
700 and cover the actual cost for paraprofessionals from school districts to
701 participate in agency-sponsored [Braille] braille training programs.
702 The commissioner shall utilize education consultant positions, funded
703 by moneys appropriated from the General Fund, to supplement new
704 staffing that will be made available through the educational aid for
705 [the blind and visually handicapped] children who are blind or
706 visually impaired account, which shall be governed by formal written
707 policies established by the commissioner.

708 (2) The Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services may use funds
709 appropriated to said account to provide specialized books, materials,
710 equipment, supplies, adaptive technology services and devices,
711 specialist examinations and aids, preschool programs and vision-
712 related independent living services, excluding primary educational
713 placement, for eligible children.

714 (3) The Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services may, within
715 available appropriations, employ certified teachers [of the visually
716 impaired] who instruct students who are visually impaired in
717 sufficient numbers to meet the requests for services received from
718 school districts. In responding to such requests, the commissioner shall
719 utilize a formula for determining the number of teachers needed to
720 serve the school districts, crediting six points for each [Braille-learning]
721 child learning braille and one point for each other child, with one full-
722 time certified teacher [of the visually impaired] who instructs students
723 who are visually impaired assigned for every twenty-five points
724 credited. The commissioner shall exercise due diligence to employ the
725 needed number of certified teachers [of the visually impaired] who
726 instruct students who are visually impaired, but shall not be liable for
727 lack of resources. Funds appropriated to said account may also be
728 utilized to employ additional staff in numbers sufficient to provide
729 compensatory skills, evaluations and training to children who are
730 blind [and] or visually impaired, [children and] special assistants [to
731 the blind] and other support staff necessary to ensure the efficient
732 operation of service delivery. Not later than October first of each year,
733 the Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services shall determine the
734 number of teachers needed based on the formula provided in this
735 subdivision. Based on such determination, the Commissioner of
736 Rehabilitation Services shall estimate the funding needed to pay such
737 teachers' salaries and related expenses.

738 (4) In any fiscal year, when funds appropriated to cover the
739 combined costs associated with providing the services set forth in
740 subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection are projected to be
741 insufficient, the Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services may collect
742 revenue from all school districts that have requested such services on a
743 per student pro rata basis, in the sums necessary to cover the projected
744 portion of these services for which there are insufficient
745 appropriations.

746 (c) The Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services may provide for the
747 instruction of [the adult] adults who are blind in their homes,

748 expending annually for this purpose such sums as the General
749 Assembly may appropriate.

750 (d) The Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services may expend up to
751 ten thousand dollars per fiscal year per person twenty-one years of age
752 or [over] older who is both blind or visually impaired and deaf, in
753 addition to any other expenditures for such person, for the purpose of
754 providing community inclusion services through specialized public
755 and private entities from which such person can benefit. The
756 commissioner may determine the criteria by which a person is eligible
757 to receive specialized services and may adopt regulations necessary to
758 carry out the provisions of this subsection. For purposes of this
759 subsection, "community inclusion services" means the assistance
760 provided to persons with disabilities to enable them to connect with
761 their peers without disabilities and with the community at large.

762 (e) The Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services may, within
763 available appropriations, purchase adaptive equipment for persons
764 receiving services pursuant to this chapter.

765 Sec. 27. Section 10-296 of the general statutes is repealed and the
766 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

767 The Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services may, within available
768 appropriations, contract with public or private entities, individuals or
769 private enterprises for the instruction of [the] persons who are blind.

770 Sec. 28. Section 10-297 of the general statutes is repealed and the
771 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

772 The Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services is authorized to aid in
773 securing employment for [legally blind] persons who are legally blind.
774 Said commissioner may aid [legally blind] persons who are legally
775 blind in such way as said commissioner deems expedient, expending
776 for such purpose such sum as the General Assembly appropriates.

777 Sec. 29. Subsection (a) of section 10-298 of the general statutes is

778 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
779 *October 1, 2017*):

780 (a) The Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services shall prepare and
781 maintain a register of [the] persons who are blind in this state which
782 shall describe their condition, cause of blindness and capacity for
783 education and rehabilitative training. The commissioner may register
784 cases of persons [whose eyesight is seriously defective and] who are
785 liable to become visually [disabled] impaired or blind, and may take
786 such measures in cooperation with other authorities as the
787 commissioner deems advisable for the prevention of blindness or
788 conservation of eyesight and, in appropriate cases, for the education of
789 children and for the vocational guidance of adults [having seriously
790 defective sight but who are not blind] whose eyesight approaches
791 visual impairment or blindness. The commissioner shall establish
792 criteria for low vision care and maintain a list of ophthalmologists and
793 optometrists that are exclusively authorized to receive agency funds
794 through established and existing state fee schedules for the delivery of
795 specifically defined low vision services that increase the capacity of
796 eligible recipients of such services to maximize the use of their
797 remaining vision.

798 Sec. 30. Section 10-305 of the general statutes is repealed and the
799 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

800 Each physician, advanced practice registered nurse and optometrist
801 shall report in writing to the Department of Rehabilitation Services
802 [within thirty days each blind person coming] not later than thirty
803 days after a person who is blind comes under his or her private or
804 institutional care within this state. The report of such [blind] person
805 shall include the name, address, Social Security number, date of birth,
806 date of diagnosis of blindness and degree of vision. Such reports shall
807 not be open to public inspection.

808 Sec. 31. Section 10-306 of the general statutes is repealed and the
809 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

810 The Department of Rehabilitation Services may maintain a
811 vocational rehabilitation program as authorized under the Federal
812 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 USC 791 et seq., for the purpose of
813 providing and coordinating the full scope of necessary services to
814 assist [legally blind recipients of] persons who are legally blind and
815 who receive services from the department to prepare for, enter into
816 and maintain employment consistent with the purposes of said act.

817 Sec. 32. Section 10-316a of the general statutes is repealed and the
818 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

819 The State Board of Education shall be empowered to appoint a
820 consultant qualified in the education of [hearing-impaired and deaf]
821 children who are deaf or hard of hearing and said board shall fix and
822 pay such consultant's compensation.

823 Sec. 33. Section 12-65g of the general statutes is repealed and the
824 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

825 The legislative body of any municipality may, by ordinance,
826 authorize such municipality to enter into a written agreement with an
827 owner of any real property who agrees to improve, rehabilitate or
828 renovate any building thereon to meet the standards of design and
829 construction of the State Building Code to accommodate [physically
830 disabled] persons with physical disabilities, as set forth in article 512 of
831 the State Building Code, or any subsequent corresponding section of
832 the State Building Code, as from time to time amended, to fix the
833 assessment on such property as of the date of the agreement for a
834 period of not longer than five years and to defer any increase in
835 assessment attributable to such improvement, rehabilitation or
836 renovation during such period, provided (1) the agreement shall be
837 approved by the local building official and (2) such improvement,
838 rehabilitation or renovation shall be completed not later than three
839 years from the date of the agreement and, upon completion, shall be
840 subject to inspection and certification by such local building official as
841 being in conformance with the applicable provisions of said code.

842 Sec. 34. Subparagraph (B) of subdivision (7) of section 12-81 of the
843 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
844 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

845 (B) On and after July 1, 1967, housing subsidized, in whole or in
846 part, by federal, state or local government and housing for persons or
847 families of low and moderate income shall not constitute a charitable
848 purpose under this section. As used in this subdivision, "housing" shall
849 not include real property used for temporary housing belonging to, or
850 held in trust for, any corporation organized exclusively for charitable
851 purposes and exempt from taxation for federal income tax purposes,
852 the primary use of which property is one or more of the following: (i)
853 An orphanage; (ii) a drug or alcohol treatment or rehabilitation facility;
854 (iii) housing for [homeless individuals, mentally or physically
855 handicapped individuals or] persons who are homeless, persons with
856 a mental health disorder, persons with intellectual or physical
857 disability [, or for] or victims of domestic violence; (iv) housing for ex-
858 offenders or for individuals participating in a program sponsored by
859 the state Department of Correction or Judicial Branch; and (v) short-
860 term housing operated by a charitable organization where the average
861 length of stay is less than six months. The operation of such housing,
862 including the receipt of any rental payments, by such charitable
863 organization shall be deemed to be an exclusively charitable purpose;

864 Sec. 35. Subdivision (19) of section 12-412 of the general statutes is
865 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
866 *October 1, 2017*):

867 (19) Sales of and the storage, use or other consumption of (A)
868 oxygen, blood or blood plasma when sold for medical use in humans
869 or animals; (B) artificial devices individually designed, constructed or
870 altered solely for the use of a particular [handicapped] person with
871 physical disability so as to become a brace, support, supplement,
872 correction or substitute for the bodily structure, including the
873 extremities of the individual, and repair or replacement parts and
874 repair services rendered to property described in this subparagraph;

875 (C) artificial limbs, artificial eyes and other equipment worn as a
876 correction or substitute for any functioning portion of the body,
877 custom-made wigs or hairpieces for persons with medically diagnosed
878 total and permanent hair loss as a result of disease or the treatment of
879 disease, artificial hearing aids when designed to be worn on the person
880 of the owner or user, closed circuit television equipment used as a
881 reading aid by persons who are visually impaired and repair or
882 replacement parts and repair services rendered to property described
883 in this subparagraph; (D) canes, crutches, walkers, wheel chairs and
884 inclined stairway chairlifts for the use of [invalids and handicapped
885 persons] any person with physical disability, and repair or
886 replacement parts and repair services to property described in this
887 subparagraph; (E) any equipment used in support of or to supply vital
888 life functions, including oxygen supply equipment used for humans or
889 animals, kidney dialysis machines and any other such device used in
890 necessary support of vital life functions, and apnea monitors, and
891 repair or replacement parts and repair services rendered to property
892 described in this subparagraph; and (F) support hose that is specially
893 designed to aid in the circulation of blood and is purchased by a
894 person who has a medical need for such hose. Repair or replacement
895 parts are exempt whether purchased separately or in conjunction with
896 the item for which they are intended, and whether such parts continue
897 the original function or enhance the functionality of such item. As used
898 in this subdivision, "repair services" means services that are described
899 in subparagraph (Q) or (CC) of subdivision (37) of subsection (a) of
900 section 12-407.

901 Sec. 36. Subdivision (46) of section 12-412 of the general statutes is
902 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
903 *October 1, 2017*):

904 (46) Sales of home delivered meals to [elderly, disabled and other
905 homebound] persons who are sixty years of age or older, have physical
906 disabilities or are otherwise homebound.

907 Sec. 37. Subsection (c) of section 12-455a of the general statutes is

908 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
909 *October 1, 2017*):

910 (c) "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle propelled or drawn by any
911 power other than muscular, except aircraft, motorboats, road rollers,
912 baggage trucks used about railroad stations, electric battery-operated
913 wheel chairs when operated by [physically handicapped] persons with
914 physical disabilities at speeds not exceeding fifteen miles per hour,
915 agricultural tractors, farm implements and such vehicles as run only
916 upon rails or tracks;

917 Sec. 38. Section 12-635 of the general statutes is repealed and the
918 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

919 The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall grant a credit against
920 any tax due under the provisions of chapter 207, 208, 209, 210, 211 or
921 212: (1) In an amount not to exceed one hundred per cent of the total
922 cash amount invested during the taxable year by the business firm in
923 programs operated or created pursuant to proposals approved
924 pursuant to section 12-632 for energy conservation projects directed
925 toward properties occupied by persons, at least seventy-five per cent
926 of whom are at an income level not exceeding one hundred fifty per
927 cent of the poverty level for the year next preceding the year during
928 which such tax credit is to be granted; (2) in an amount equal to one
929 hundred per cent of the total cash amount invested during the taxable
930 year by the business firm in programs operated or created pursuant to
931 proposals approved pursuant to section 12-632 for energy conservation
932 projects at properties owned or occupied by charitable corporations,
933 foundations, trusts or other entities as determined under regulations
934 adopted pursuant to this chapter; (3) in an amount equal to one
935 hundred per cent of the total cash amount invested during the taxable
936 year by the business firm in a comprehensive college access loan
937 forgiveness program located in an "educational reform district" as
938 defined in section 10-262u, that has established minimum eligibility
939 criteria including, but not limited to, years of enrollment in the
940 educational reform district, grade point average, attendance record

941 and loan forgiveness prerequisite; or (4) in an amount not to exceed
942 sixty per cent of the total cash amount invested during the taxable year
943 by the business firm (A) in employment and training programs
944 directed at youths, at least seventy-five per cent of whom are at an
945 income level not exceeding one hundred fifty per cent of the poverty
946 level for the year next preceding the year during which such tax credit
947 is to be granted; (B) in employment and training programs directed at
948 [handicapped persons as determined under regulations adopted
949 pursuant to this chapter] persons with physical disabilities; (C) in
950 employment and training programs for unemployed workers who are
951 fifty years of age or older; (D) in education and employment training
952 programs for recipients in the temporary family assistance program; or
953 (E) in child care services. Any other program which serves persons at
954 least seventy-five per cent of whom are at an income level not
955 exceeding one hundred fifty per cent of the poverty level for the year
956 next preceding the year during which such tax credit is to be granted
957 and which meets the standards for eligibility under this chapter shall
958 be eligible for a tax credit under this section in an amount equal to
959 sixty per cent of the total cash invested by the business firm in such
960 program.

961 Sec. 39. Section 13b-4a of the general statutes is repealed and the
962 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

963 The Commissioner of Transportation may, at the request of any
964 nonprofit corporation or association providing transportation services
965 to [the elderly or handicapped] persons who are elderly or persons
966 with disabilities in this state, certify, to the extent necessary for such
967 corporation or association to apply for and receive federal funds for
968 the purchase and maintenance of buses, vans and [radiodispatch]
969 radio dispatch equipment under the provisions of the Urban Mass
970 Transportation Act, that such nonprofit corporation or association is
971 providing transportation services for [the elderly and handicapped]
972 persons who are elderly and persons with disabilities in this state. Said
973 commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance with the
974 provisions of chapter 54 to implement the purposes of this section.

975 Sec. 40. Section 13b-4c of the general statutes is repealed and the
976 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

977 Notwithstanding any section of the general statutes to the contrary,
978 no state agency, other than the Department of Transportation, shall
979 expend funds in support of, or make state property available for use
980 in, any transportation program for [the elderly or the handicapped]
981 persons who are elderly or persons with disabilities unless the
982 Commissioner of Transportation certifies, in writing, that: (1) The
983 commissioner has reviewed and concurs in such expenditure or use;
984 (2) such expenditure or use is consistent with the transportation
985 policies of the state; and (3) such expenditure or use will not result in
986 the unnecessary duplication of service. The provisions of this section
987 shall not apply to any transportation service not available to the
988 general public that is provided by any such program.

989 Sec. 41. Section 13b-105 of the general statutes is repealed and the
990 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

991 The Department of Transportation may, with or without hearing,
992 issue temporary and permanent livery permits to applicants for the
993 express purpose of providing reasonable livery service to
994 [handicapped persons and elderly persons] persons who are elderly
995 and persons with disabilities on regular or irregular routes where the
996 department finds no existing service or that the existing service is not
997 adequate to properly serve the special needs of [elderly persons and
998 handicapped persons] persons who are elderly and persons with
999 disabilities. Temporary authority shall not extend over a period of
1000 more than sixty days. In determining the special needs of [the
1001 handicapped and elderly] persons who are elderly and persons with
1002 disabilities, the department may take into consideration the
1003 convenience and the physical and mental frailties of, and the care,
1004 safety and protection necessary for the best interest of, [the
1005 handicapped and elderly] persons who are elderly, persons with
1006 disabilities and the general public. No applicant shall be issued a
1007 temporary or permanent permit unless such applicant's motor vehicle

1008 meets the requirements of subsection (e) of section 14-100a. Applicants
1009 who were issued a temporary or permanent permit prior to October 1,
1010 2007, shall comply with the requirements of subsection (e) of section
1011 14-100a not later than October 1, 2007.

1012 Sec. 42. Subdivision (54) of section 14-1 of the general statutes is
1013 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1014 *October 1, 2017*):

1015 (54) "Motor vehicle" means any vehicle propelled or drawn by any
1016 nonmuscular power, except aircraft, motor boats, road rollers, baggage
1017 trucks used about railroad stations or other mass transit facilities,
1018 electric battery-operated wheel chairs when operated by [physically
1019 handicapped] persons with physical disabilities at speeds not
1020 exceeding fifteen miles per hour, golf carts operated on highways
1021 solely for the purpose of crossing from one part of the golf course to
1022 another, golf-cart-type vehicles operated on roads or highways on the
1023 grounds of state institutions by state employees, agricultural tractors,
1024 farm implements, such vehicles as run only on rails or tracks, self-
1025 propelled snow plows, snow blowers and lawn mowers, when used
1026 for the purposes for which they were designed and operated at speeds
1027 not exceeding four miles per hour, whether or not the operator rides
1028 on or walks behind such equipment, motor-driven cycles as defined in
1029 section 14-286, special mobile equipment as defined in section 14-165,
1030 mini-motorcycles, as defined in section 14-289j, and any other vehicle
1031 not suitable for operation on a highway;

1032 Sec. 43. Subdivision (4) of subsection (e) of section 14-36 of the
1033 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1034 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

1035 (4) If any applicant or operator license holder has any health
1036 problem which might affect such person's ability to operate a motor
1037 vehicle safely, the commissioner may require the applicant or license
1038 holder to demonstrate personally or otherwise establish that,
1039 notwithstanding such problem, such applicant or license holder is a

1040 proper person to operate a motor vehicle, and the commissioner may
1041 further require a certificate of such applicant's condition, signed by a
1042 medical authority designated by the commissioner, which certificate
1043 shall in all cases be treated as confidential by the commissioner. A
1044 license, containing such limitation as the commissioner deems
1045 advisable, may be issued or renewed in any case, but nothing in this
1046 section shall be construed to prevent the commissioner from refusing a
1047 license, either limited or unlimited, to any person or suspending a
1048 license of a person whom the commissioner determines to be incapable
1049 of safely operating a motor vehicle. Consistent with budgetary
1050 allotments, each motor vehicle operator's license issued to or renewed
1051 by a [deaf or hearing impaired] person who is deaf or hard of hearing
1052 shall, upon the request of such person, indicate such impairment. Such
1053 person shall submit a certificate stating such impairment, in such form
1054 as the commissioner may require and signed by a licensed health care
1055 practitioner.

1056 Sec. 44. Section 14-275b of the general statutes is repealed and the
1057 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

1058 The provisions of section 14-275 and subsection (b) of section 14-
1059 275a shall not apply to any motor vehicle when used exclusively for
1060 the transportation of [mobility impaired] students under the age of
1061 twenty-one who have mobility impairments, provided such motor
1062 vehicle has been approved for such purpose by the commissioner.

1063 Sec. 45. Subsection (a) of section 14-300i of the general statutes is
1064 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1065 *October 1, 2017*):

1066 (a) As used in subsection (b) of this section, (1) "vulnerable user"
1067 means: (A) A pedestrian; (B) a highway worker; (C) a person riding or
1068 driving an animal; (D) a person riding a bicycle; (E) a person using a
1069 skateboard, roller skates or in-line skates; (F) a person operating or
1070 riding on an agricultural tractor; (G) a person using a wheelchair or
1071 motorized chair; and (H) a [blind] person who is blind and such

1072 person's service animal, and (2) "public way" includes any state or
1073 other public highway, road, street, avenue, alley, driveway, parkway
1074 or place, under the control of the state or any political subdivision of
1075 the state, dedicated, appropriated or opened to public travel or other
1076 use.

1077 Sec. 46. Subsection (c) of section 14-307 of the general statutes is
1078 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1079 *October 1, 2017*):

1080 (c) No person shall park any vehicle in any place where parking is
1081 prohibited or park any vehicle for a longer period than that indicated
1082 as lawful by any sign erected and maintained in accordance with the
1083 provisions of this chapter, except: (1) A person operating an armored
1084 car vehicle may, while in the performance of such person's duties, park
1085 for a period not to exceed ten minutes in a place where parking is
1086 prohibited, provided such vehicle does not obstruct or impede the
1087 normal and reasonable movement of traffic, or (2) a vehicle displaying
1088 a special license plate or a removable windshield placard issued
1089 pursuant to section 14-253a or by authorities of other states or
1090 countries for the purpose of identifying vehicles permitted to utilize
1091 parking spaces reserved for persons with disabilities which limit or
1092 impair their ability to walk or [blind] persons who are blind, may park
1093 in an area where parking is legally permissible, for an unlimited
1094 period of time without penalty, notwithstanding the period of time
1095 indicated as lawful by any (A) parking meter, or (B) sign erected and
1096 maintained in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

1097 Sec. 47. Subsection (a) of section 14-314c of the general statutes is
1098 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1099 *October 1, 2017*):

1100 (a) The Office of the State Traffic Administration, on any state
1101 highway, or a local traffic authority, on any highway under its control,
1102 shall, upon receipt of an application on behalf of any person under the
1103 age of eighteen who is deaf, as certified by a physician or an advanced

1104 practice registered nurse, erect one or more signs in the person's
1105 neighborhood to warn motor vehicle operators of the presence of [the
1106 deaf] such person.

1107 Sec. 48. Section 14-325b of the general statutes is repealed and the
1108 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

1109 (a) Each retail dealer as defined in section 14-318 that offers self-
1110 service and full-service facilities for the sale of gasoline or motor fuel
1111 shall provide, at a self-service pump, upon request, refueling service to
1112 [a handicapped driver of a vehicle] an operator who has a disability
1113 and is operating a motor vehicle that bears a special license plate or a
1114 removable windshield placard issued pursuant to section 14-253a, at a
1115 price no greater than that which such dealer would charge the public
1116 to purchase gasoline or motor fuel without any refueling service.

1117 (b) Each retail dealer that is required to provide refueling service to
1118 [a handicapped driver] an operator who has a disability pursuant to
1119 subsection (a) of this section shall publicly display and maintain on or
1120 near each self-service pump a clearly legible sign informing the public
1121 that such retail dealer will provide refueling service to such
1122 [handicapped driver] operator upon request. Such sign shall be
1123 displayed in a location and manner that is clearly visible to
1124 [handicapped drivers] operators who have disabilities and shall
1125 contain instructions indicating how [a handicapped driver] an
1126 operator who has a disability may contact or notify the retail dealer or
1127 cashier, if applicable, [if the handicapped driver] that such operator
1128 requires refueling service.

1129 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to dealers that sell
1130 gasoline or motor fuel and that (1) have remotely controlled pumps, or
1131 (2) are operated by a single cashier.

1132 Sec. 49. Section 16a-15a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1133 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

1134 The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt regulations

1135 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 specifying the manner
1136 in which retail dealers, as defined in section 14-318, shall notify
1137 customers of the location of self-service and full-service fuel pumps or
1138 any pumps at which discounts are offered for cash payment or credit
1139 cards are accepted. The regulations shall include provision for the
1140 direction of [handicapped drivers] motor vehicle operators with
1141 disabilities to the appropriate self-service pump as provided in section
1142 14-325b, as amended by this act.

1143 Sec. 50. Subsection (b) of section 16a-41 of the general statutes is
1144 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1145 *October 1, 2017*):

1146 (b) Any state agency which administers or funds an energy
1147 assistance program, an energy conservation loan, grant, audit, or
1148 service program or a renewable resources loan, grant or service
1149 program shall adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54 for
1150 such program in order to protect the due process rights of the
1151 applicants. The regulations shall include, but not be limited to, the
1152 following, where applicable: (1) Procedures for applications and their
1153 disposition, including record-keeping; (2) procedures for the
1154 immediate provision of appropriate assistance to eligible applicants
1155 who are without or in imminent danger of being without heat, hot
1156 water or utilities; (3) standards of assistance, including eligibility and
1157 benefits; (4) procedures for assisting [elderly, handicapped, bilingual]
1158 persons who are elderly, persons with disabilities, bilingual persons
1159 and other persons who are unable to file such applications without
1160 assistance; (5) procedures for assisting applicants in obtaining other
1161 forms of assistance; (6) procedures for written notice to applicants of
1162 the disposition of their applications and the basis for each full or
1163 partial denial of assistance; and (7) administrative appeal procedures,
1164 including notice to applicants of the availability of such procedures.

1165 Sec. 51. Subsection (a) of section 16-247e of the general statutes is
1166 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1167 *October 1, 2017*):

1168 (a) In order to ensure the universal availability of affordable, high
1169 quality telecommunications services to all residents and businesses
1170 throughout the state regardless of income, disability or location, the
1171 authority shall (1) periodically investigate and determine, after notice
1172 and hearing, local service options, including the definition and
1173 components of any basic telecommunications services, necessary to
1174 achieve universal service and meet customer needs; and (2) establish
1175 lifeline and telecommunications relay service programs funded by all
1176 telecommunications carriers that provide intrastate
1177 telecommunications services, as such terms are defined in 47 USC 153,
1178 as amended from time to time, sufficient to provide low-income
1179 households or individuals or speech and [hearing impaired
1180 individuals] persons who are hard of hearing with a level of
1181 telecommunications service or package of telecommunications services
1182 that supports participation in the economy and society of the state. The
1183 authority shall apportion the funding for the lifeline and
1184 telecommunications relay service programs among
1185 telecommunications carriers on an equitable basis based on the gross
1186 revenues of each telecommunications carrier that are generated in
1187 Connecticut, both interstate and intrastate. The lifeline and
1188 telecommunications relay service programs shall be administered by
1189 an entity authorized, and subject to oversight, by the authority. The
1190 authority shall determine by order which customers qualify for the
1191 lifeline program. Recipients of lifeline funds shall use such funds to
1192 pay for telecommunications services provided by any
1193 telecommunications carrier.

1194 Sec. 52. Section 16-333c of the general statutes is repealed and the
1195 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

1196 Each community antenna television company shall make available
1197 at cost, by a rental, sales or installment sales agreement, to each
1198 subscriber who is deaf or [hearing impaired] hard of hearing,
1199 equipment which receives and decodes closed captions which are
1200 simultaneously broadcast with video signals carried by the company.

1201 Sec. 53. Subsection (a) of section 17a-3 of the general statutes is
1202 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1203 *October 1, 2017*):

1204 (a) The department shall plan, create, develop, operate or arrange
1205 for, administer and evaluate a comprehensive and integrated
1206 state-wide program of services, including preventive services, for
1207 children and youths whose behavior does not conform to the law or to
1208 acceptable community standards, or who are mentally ill, including
1209 deaf and [hearing impaired] hard of hearing children and youths who
1210 are mentally ill, emotionally disturbed, substance abusers, delinquent,
1211 abused, neglected or uncared for, including all children and youths
1212 who are or may be committed to it by any court, and all children and
1213 youths voluntarily admitted to, or remaining voluntarily under the
1214 supervision of, the commissioner for services of any kind. Services
1215 shall not be denied to any such child or youth solely because of other
1216 complicating or multiple disabilities. The department shall work in
1217 cooperation with other child-serving agencies and organizations to
1218 provide or arrange for preventive programs, including, but not limited
1219 to, teenage pregnancy and youth suicide prevention, for children and
1220 youths and their families. The program shall provide services and
1221 placements that are clinically indicated and appropriate to the needs of
1222 the child or youth, except that such services and placements shall not
1223 commence or continue for a delinquent child who has attained the age
1224 of twenty. In furtherance of this purpose, the department shall: (1)
1225 Maintain the Connecticut Juvenile Training School and other
1226 appropriate facilities exclusively for delinquents; (2) develop a
1227 comprehensive program for prevention of problems of children and
1228 youths and provide a flexible, innovative and effective program for the
1229 placement, care and treatment of children and youths committed by
1230 any court to the department, transferred to the department by other
1231 departments, or voluntarily admitted to the department; (3) provide
1232 appropriate services to families of children and youths as needed to
1233 achieve the purposes of sections 17a-1 to 17a-26, inclusive, 17a-28 to
1234 17a-49, inclusive, and 17a-51; (4) establish incentive paid work

1235 programs for children and youths under the care of the department
1236 and the rates to be paid such children and youths for work done in
1237 such programs and may provide allowances to children and youths in
1238 the custody of the department; (5) be responsible to collect, interpret
1239 and publish statistics relating to children and youths within the
1240 department; (6) conduct studies of any program, service or facility
1241 developed, operated, contracted for or supported by the department in
1242 order to evaluate its effectiveness; (7) establish staff development and
1243 other training and educational programs designed to improve the
1244 quality of departmental services and programs, which shall include,
1245 but not be limited to, training in the prevention, identification and
1246 effects of family violence, provided no social worker trainee shall be
1247 assigned a case load prior to completing training, and may establish
1248 educational or training programs for children, youths, parents or other
1249 interested persons on any matter related to the promotion of the
1250 well-being of children, or the prevention of mental illness, emotional
1251 disturbance, delinquency and other disabilities in children and youths;
1252 (8) develop and implement aftercare and follow-up services
1253 appropriate to the needs of any child or youth under the care of the
1254 department; (9) establish a case audit unit to monitor each regional
1255 office's compliance with regulations and procedures; (10) develop and
1256 maintain a database listing available community service programs
1257 funded by the department; (11) provide outreach and assistance to
1258 persons caring for children whose parents are unable to do so by
1259 informing such persons of programs and benefits for which they may
1260 be eligible; and (12) collect data sufficient to identify the housing needs
1261 of children served by the department and share such data with the
1262 Department of Housing.

1263 Sec. 54. Section 17a-301a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1264 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

1265 (a) Effective January 1, 2013, there shall be established a Department
1266 on Aging that shall be under the direction and supervision of the
1267 Commissioner on Aging who shall be appointed by the Governor in
1268 accordance with the provisions of sections 4-5 to 4-8, inclusive, with

1269 the powers and duties prescribed in said sections. The commissioner
1270 shall be knowledgeable and experienced with respect to the conditions
1271 and needs of [elderly] older persons and shall serve on a full-time
1272 basis.

1273 (b) The Commissioner on Aging shall administer all laws under the
1274 jurisdiction of the Department on Aging and shall employ the most
1275 efficient and practical means for the provision of care and protection of
1276 [elderly] older persons. The commissioner shall have the power and
1277 duty to do the following: (1) Administer, coordinate and direct the
1278 operation of the department; (2) adopt and enforce regulations, in
1279 accordance with chapter 54, as necessary to implement the purposes of
1280 the department as established by statute; (3) establish rules for the
1281 internal operation and administration of the department; (4) establish
1282 and develop programs and administer services to achieve the purposes
1283 of the department; (5) contract for facilities, services and programs to
1284 implement the purposes of the department; (6) act as advocate for
1285 necessary additional comprehensive and coordinated programs for
1286 [elderly] older persons; (7) assist and advise all appropriate state,
1287 federal, local and area planning agencies for [elderly] older persons in
1288 the performance of their functions and duties pursuant to federal law
1289 and regulation; (8) plan services and programs for [elderly] older
1290 persons; (9) coordinate outreach activities by public and private
1291 agencies serving [elderly] older persons; and (10) consult and
1292 cooperate with area and private planning agencies.

1293 (c) The Department on Aging is designated as the State Unit on
1294 Aging to administer, manage, design and advocate for benefits,
1295 programs and services for [the elderly] older persons and their families
1296 pursuant to the Older Americans Act. The department shall study
1297 continuously the conditions and needs of [elderly] older persons in
1298 this state in relation to nutrition, transportation, home care, housing,
1299 income, employment, health, recreation and other matters. The
1300 department shall be responsible, in cooperation with federal, state,
1301 local and area planning agencies on aging, for the overall planning,
1302 development and administration of a comprehensive and integrated

1303 social service delivery system for [elderly] older persons. The
1304 department shall: (1) Measure the need for services; (2) survey
1305 methods of administration of programs for service delivery; (3)
1306 provide for periodic evaluations of social services; (4) maintain
1307 technical, information, consultation and referral services in
1308 cooperation with other state agencies to local and area public and
1309 private agencies to the fullest extent possible; (5) develop and
1310 coordinate educational outreach programs for the purposes of
1311 informing the public and [elderly] older persons of available
1312 programs; (6) cooperate in the development of performance standards
1313 for licensing of residential and medical facilities with appropriate state
1314 agencies; (7) supervise the establishment, in selected areas and local
1315 communities of the state, of pilot programs for [elderly] older persons;
1316 (8) coordinate with the Department of Transportation to provide
1317 adequate transportation services related to the needs of [elderly] older
1318 persons; and (9) cooperate with other state agencies to provide
1319 adequate and alternate housing for [elderly] older persons, including
1320 congregate housing, as defined in section 8-119e.

1321 (d) The functions, powers, duties and personnel of the Division of
1322 Aging Services of the Department of Social Services, or any subsequent
1323 division or portion of a division with similar functions, powers,
1324 personnel and duties, shall be transferred to the Department on Aging
1325 pursuant to the provisions of sections 4-38d, 4-38e and 4-39.

1326 [(e) The Department of Social Services shall administer programs
1327 under the jurisdiction of the Department on Aging until the
1328 Commissioner on Aging is appointed and administrative staff are
1329 hired.

1330 (f) The Governor may, with the approval of the Finance Advisory
1331 Committee, transfer funds between the Department of Social Services
1332 and the Department on Aging pursuant to subsection (b) of section 4-
1333 87 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.]

1334 [(g)] (e) Any order or regulation of the Department of Social

1335 Services or the former Commission on Aging that is in force on
1336 January 1, 2013, shall continue in force and effect as an order or
1337 regulation until amended, repealed or superseded pursuant to law.

1338 Sec. 55. Subsection (a) of section 17a-302 of the general statutes is
1339 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1340 *October 1, 2017*):

1341 (a) The Department on Aging shall be responsible for the
1342 administration of programs which provide nutritionally sound diets to
1343 needy [elderly] older persons and for the expansion of such programs
1344 when possible. Such programs shall be continued in such a manner as
1345 to fully utilize congregate feeding and nutrition education of [elderly]
1346 older citizens who qualify for such program.

1347 Sec. 56. Section 17a-303a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1348 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

1349 The Department on Aging shall establish, within available
1350 appropriations, a fall prevention program. Within such program, the
1351 department shall:

1352 (1) Promote and support research to: (A) Improve the identification,
1353 diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of older [adults] persons and
1354 others who have a high risk of falling; (B) improve data collection and
1355 analysis to identify risk factors for falls and factors that reduce the
1356 likelihood of falls; (C) design, implement and evaluate the most
1357 effective fall prevention interventions; (D) improve intervention
1358 strategies that have been proven effective in reducing falls by tailoring
1359 such strategies to specific populations of older [adults] persons; (E)
1360 maximize the dissemination of proven, effective fall prevention
1361 interventions; (F) assess the risk of falls occurring in various settings;
1362 (G) identify barriers to the adoption of proven interventions with
1363 respect to the prevention of falls among older [adults] persons; (H)
1364 develop, implement and evaluate the most effective approaches to
1365 reducing falls among high-risk older [adults] persons living in
1366 communities and long-term care and assisted living facilities; and (I)

1367 evaluate the effectiveness of community programs designed to prevent
1368 falls among older [adults] persons;

1369 (2) Establish, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public
1370 Health, a professional education program in fall prevention, evaluation
1371 and management for physicians, allied health professionals and other
1372 health care providers who provide services for [the elderly] older
1373 persons in this state. The Commissioner on Aging may contract for the
1374 establishment of such program through (A) a request for proposal
1375 process, (B) a competitive grant program, or (C) cooperative
1376 agreements with qualified organizations, institutions or consortia of
1377 qualified organizations and institutions;

1378 (3) Oversee and support demonstration and research projects to be
1379 carried out by organizations, institutions or consortia of organizations
1380 and institutions deemed qualified by the Commissioner on Aging.
1381 Such demonstration and research projects may be in the following
1382 areas:

1383 (A) Targeted fall risk screening and referral programs;

1384 (B) Programs designed for community-dwelling older [adults]
1385 persons that use fall intervention approaches, including physical
1386 activity, medication assessment and reduction of medication when
1387 possible, vision enhancement and home-modification strategies;

1388 (C) Programs that target new fall victims who are at a high risk for
1389 second falls and that are designed to maximize independence and
1390 quality of life for older [adults] persons, particularly those older
1391 [adults] persons with functional limitations;

1392 (D) Private sector and public-private partnerships to develop
1393 technologies to prevent falls among older [adults] persons and prevent
1394 or reduce injuries when falls occur; and

1395 (4) Award grants to, or enter into contracts or cooperative
1396 agreements with, organizations, institutions or consortia of

1397 organizations and institutions deemed qualified by the Commissioner
1398 on Aging to design, implement and evaluate fall prevention programs
1399 using proven intervention strategies in residential and institutional
1400 settings.

1401 Sec. 57. Section 17a-304 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1402 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

1403 The state shall be divided into five elderly planning and service
1404 areas, in accordance with federal law and regulations, each having an
1405 area agency on aging to carry out the mandates of the federal Older
1406 Americans Act of 1965, as amended. The area agencies shall (1)
1407 represent [elderly] older persons within their geographic areas, (2)
1408 develop an area plan for approval by the Department on Aging and
1409 upon such approval administer the plan, (3) coordinate and assist local
1410 public and nonprofit, private agencies in the development of
1411 programs, (4) receive and distribute federal and state funds for such
1412 purposes, in accordance with applicable law, (5) carry out any
1413 additional duties and functions required by federal law and
1414 regulations.

1415 Sec. 58. Section 17a-310 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1416 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

1417 The Department on Aging may make a grant to any city, town or
1418 borough or public or private agency, organization or institution for the
1419 following purposes: (a) For community planning and coordination of
1420 programs carrying out the purposes of the Older Americans Act of
1421 1965, as amended; (b) for demonstration programs or activities
1422 particularly valuable in carrying out such purposes; (c) for training of
1423 special personnel needed to carry out such programs and activities; (d)
1424 for establishment of new or expansion of existing programs to carry
1425 out such purposes, including establishment of new or expansion of
1426 existing centers of service for [elderly] older persons, providing
1427 recreational, cultural and other leisure time activities, and
1428 informational, transportation, referral and preretirement and

1429 postretirement counseling services for [elderly] older persons and
1430 assisting such persons in providing volunteer community or civic
1431 services, except that no costs of construction, other than for minor
1432 alterations and repairs, shall be included in such establishment or
1433 expansion; (e) for programs to develop or demonstrate approaches,
1434 methods and techniques for achieving or improving coordination of
1435 community services for [elderly] older or aging persons and such other
1436 programs and services as may be allowed under Title III of the Older
1437 Americans Act of 1965, as amended, or to evaluate these approaches,
1438 techniques and methods, as well as others which may assist [elderly]
1439 older or aging persons to enjoy wholesome and meaningful living and
1440 to continue to contribute to the strength and welfare of the state and
1441 nation.

1442 Sec. 59. Section 17a-712 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1443 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

1444 The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall
1445 establish a program to provide alcohol and drug abuse services to
1446 [deaf and hearing impaired] persons who are deaf or hard of hearing.
1447 Said program shall provide a system of prevention, intervention,
1448 teaching and aftercare services in a manner which is most responsive
1449 to the needs of persons who are deaf [and hearing impaired persons]
1450 or hard of hearing.

1451 Sec. 60. Section 17b-612 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1452 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

1453 The Department of Rehabilitation Services shall establish a program
1454 to assist [disabled] public school students with disabilities in preparing
1455 for and obtaining competitive employment and to strengthen the
1456 linkage between vocational rehabilitation services and public schools.
1457 Under the program, the Department of Rehabilitation Services shall
1458 provide, within the limits of available appropriations, vocational
1459 evaluations and other appropriate transitional services and shall
1460 provide vocational rehabilitation counselors to school districts

1461 throughout the state. The counselors shall, if requested, assist those
1462 persons planning in-school skill development programs. The
1463 counselors shall, with planning and placement team members, develop
1464 transition plans and individual education and work rehabilitation
1465 plans for [disabled] students with disabilities who will no longer be
1466 eligible for continued public school services. Students whose
1467 termination date for receipt of public school services is most
1468 immediate shall be given priority.

1469 Sec. 61. Section 17b-613 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1470 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

1471 As used in this section and sections [17b-613] 17b-614 to 17b-615,
1472 inclusive:

1473 (1) "Center for independent living" means a consumer-controlled,
1474 community-based, nonprofit corporation which provides consumers
1475 or their families with independent living services, as identified by
1476 community residents with disabilities and service providers. A center
1477 shall provide program information to all community residents about
1478 the needs of people with disabilities. Personal care [attendant] assistant
1479 services arranged for or provided by independent living centers shall
1480 not be required to be licensed or certified;

1481 (2) "Independent living services" shall include, but not be limited to,
1482 advocacy, peer counseling, independent living skills assessment,
1483 counseling and training information and referral, and other programs
1484 and services which would promote the independence, productivity
1485 and quality of life for people with disabilities;

1486 (3) "Consumer" means an individual with a [severe] significant
1487 physical or mental impairment whose ability to function
1488 independently in the family or community or whose ability to obtain,
1489 maintain or advance in employment is substantially limited and for
1490 whom the delivery of independent living services will improve the
1491 ability to function, continue functioning, or move toward functioning
1492 independently in the family or community or to continue in

1493 employment, respectively;

1494 (4) "Consumer-controlled" means that at least fifty-one per cent of
1495 the members of the board of directors of a center for independent
1496 living are consumers.

1497 Sec. 62. Section 17b-650a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1498 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

1499 (a) There is created a Department of Rehabilitation Services. The
1500 Department of Social Services shall provide administrative support
1501 services to the Department of Rehabilitation Services until the
1502 Department of Rehabilitation Services requests cessation of such
1503 services, or until June 30, 2013, whichever is earlier. The Department of
1504 Rehabilitation Services shall be responsible for providing the
1505 following: (1) Services to [the deaf and hearing impaired] persons who
1506 are deaf or hard of hearing; (2) services for [the blind and] persons
1507 who are blind or visually impaired; and (3) rehabilitation services in
1508 accordance with the provisions of the general statutes concerning the
1509 Department of Rehabilitation Services. The Department of
1510 Rehabilitation Services shall constitute a successor authority to the
1511 Bureau of Rehabilitative Services in accordance with the provisions of
1512 sections 4-38d, 4-38e and 4-39.

1513 (b) The department head shall be the Commissioner of
1514 Rehabilitation Services, who shall be appointed by the Governor in
1515 accordance with the provisions of sections 4-5 to 4-8, inclusive, and
1516 shall have the powers and duties described in said sections. The
1517 Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services shall appoint such persons as
1518 may be necessary to administer the provisions of public act 11-44 and
1519 the Commissioner of Administrative Services shall fix the
1520 compensation of such persons in accordance with the provisions of
1521 section 4-40. The Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services may create
1522 such sections within the Department of Rehabilitation Services as will
1523 facilitate such administration, including a disability determinations
1524 section for which one hundred per cent federal funds may be accepted

1525 for the operation of such section in conformity with applicable state
1526 and federal regulations. The Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services
1527 may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter
1528 54, to implement the purposes of the department as established by
1529 statute.

1530 (c) The Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services shall, annually, in
1531 accordance with section 4-60, submit to the Governor a report in
1532 electronic format on the activities of the Department of Rehabilitation
1533 Services relating to services provided by the department to
1534 [individuals who (1) are blind or visually impaired, (2) are deaf or
1535 hearing impaired, or (3) receive vocational rehabilitation services]
1536 persons with disabilities. The report shall include the data the
1537 department provides to the federal government that relates to the
1538 evaluation standards and performance indicators for the vocational
1539 rehabilitation services program. The commissioner shall submit the
1540 report in electronic format, in accordance with the provisions of section
1541 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
1542 cognizance of matters relating to human services and appropriations
1543 and the budgets of state agencies.

1544 (d) Effective July 1, 2017, the Department of Rehabilitation Services
1545 shall constitute a successor department, in accordance with the
1546 provisions of sections 4-38d and 4-39, to the Office of Protection and
1547 Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities with respect to investigations
1548 of allegations of abuse or neglect pursuant to sections 46a-11a to 46a-
1549 11f, inclusive.

1550 Sec. 63. Section 17b-650e of the general statutes is repealed and the
1551 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

1552 The Department of Rehabilitation Services may provide necessary
1553 services to [deaf and hearing impaired] persons who are deaf or hard
1554 of hearing, including, but not limited to, nonreimbursable interpreter
1555 services and message relay services for persons using
1556 telecommunication devices for [the] persons who are deaf.

1557 Sec. 64. Subsection (b) of section 17b-655 of the general statutes is
1558 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1559 *October 1, 2017*):

1560 (b) Subject to the approval of all real estate acquisitions by the
1561 Commissioner of Administrative Services and the State Properties
1562 Review Board, in carrying out said sections, the Department of
1563 Rehabilitation Services may (1) establish, operate, foster and promote
1564 the establishment of rehabilitation facilities and make grants to public
1565 and other nonprofit and nonsectarian organizations for such purposes;
1566 (2) assist persons with [severe] significant disabilities to establish and
1567 operate small businesses; and (3) make studies, investigations,
1568 demonstrations and reports, and provide training and instruction,
1569 including the establishment and maintenance of such research
1570 fellowships and traineeships with such stipends and allowances as
1571 may be deemed necessary, in matters relating to vocational
1572 rehabilitation.

1573 Sec. 65. Section 17b-894 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1574 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

1575 (a) Representatives of community action agencies shall be
1576 recognized as knowledgeable on issues affecting [low income, elderly
1577 and handicapped citizens] persons of low incomes, persons who are
1578 elderly and persons with disabilities for the purposes of sharing
1579 information with governmental bodies considering such issues.

1580 (b) All community action agencies, other agencies, contractors and
1581 boards thereof included in the provisions of sections 17b-885 to 17b-
1582 895, inclusive, shall comply with federal, state and local civil rights
1583 laws.

1584 Sec. 66. Subsection (a) of section 19a-6 of the general statutes is
1585 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1586 *October 1, 2017*):

1587 (a) The commissioner shall be responsible for planning state-wide

1588 programs for the control and treatment of lung diseases; the treatment
1589 of persons affected with other chronic illness, and the medical
1590 rehabilitation of persons who are chronically ill [, physically disabled
1591 and handicapped persons] and persons with disabilities. The
1592 commissioner may provide and maintain facilities and personnel for
1593 the diagnosis or detection and treatment of such diseases or enter into
1594 contracts for the provision of diagnostic and treatment programs for
1595 such diseases with persons or organizations capable in the
1596 commissioner's judgment of providing such services.

1597 Sec. 67. Subparagraph (E) of subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of
1598 section 19a-36 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is
1599 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

1600 (E) Special purpose public pool, which is a pool used for a
1601 specialized purpose, including, but not limited to, a splash pad or
1602 spray park where the water is recirculated, water flume, pool used for
1603 scuba diving instruction, therapeutic pool, hydrotherapy pool or a
1604 pool used in an aquatics program for [handicapped] persons with
1605 disabilities. Special purpose public pool does not include a flotation
1606 vessel, which shall not be subject to review by the Department of
1607 Public Health. For purposes of this subparagraph, "flotation vessel"
1608 means a tank devoid of light and sound and containing salt water in
1609 which a person floats for purposes including, but not limited to,
1610 meditation, relaxation and alternative medicine.

1611 Sec. 68. Section 19a-54 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1612 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

1613 Each institution supported in whole or in part by the state shall
1614 report to the Department of Public Health, on a form prescribed by
1615 said department, the name and address of each child under twenty-
1616 one years of age [who is physically handicapped] with special health
1617 care needs for whom an application is made for admission, whether
1618 such child is admitted or rejected.

1619 Sec. 69. Subsection (b) of section 19a-59 of the general statutes is

1620 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1621 *October 1, 2017*):

1622 (b) The Department of Public Health shall establish a plan to
1623 implement and operate a program of early identification of infant
1624 hearing impairment. The purpose of such plan shall be to: (1) Identify
1625 infants at high risk of having hearing impairments; (2) notify parents
1626 of such infants of the risk; (3) inform parents of resources available to
1627 them for further testing and treatment, including rehabilitation
1628 services for such infants; and (4) inform parents of financial assistance
1629 available through the Department of Public Health, including, but not
1630 limited to, parental eligibility criteria, which may result in reduced cost
1631 or no cost to parents for testing, evaluation or treatment, including
1632 rehabilitation of such infants. The department shall develop such plan
1633 in consultation with persons including, but not limited to,
1634 pediatricians, otolaryngologists, audiologists, educators and parents of
1635 children who are deaf and [hearing impaired children] hard of
1636 hearing.

1637 Sec. 70. Subdivision (2) of section 19a-175 of the general statutes is
1638 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1639 *October 1, 2017*):

1640 (2) "Patient" means an injured [, ill or physically handicapped
1641 person] or ill person or a person with a physical disability requiring
1642 assistance and transportation;

1643 Sec. 71. Subsection (a) of section 19a-490 of the general statutes is
1644 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1645 *October 1, 2017*):

1646 (a) "Institution" means a hospital, short-term hospital special
1647 hospice, hospice inpatient facility, residential care home, [health care
1648 facility for the handicapped,] nursing home facility, home health care
1649 agency, homemaker-home health aide agency, behavioral health
1650 facility, assisted living services agency, substance abuse treatment
1651 facility, outpatient surgical facility, outpatient clinic, an infirmary

1652 operated by an educational institution for the care of students enrolled
1653 in, and faculty and employees of, such institution; a facility engaged in
1654 providing services for the prevention, diagnosis, treatment or care of
1655 human health conditions, including facilities operated and maintained
1656 by any state agency, except facilities for the care or treatment of
1657 mentally ill persons or persons with substance abuse problems; and a
1658 residential facility for persons with intellectual disability licensed
1659 pursuant to section 17a-227 and certified to participate in the Title XIX
1660 Medicaid program as an intermediate care facility for individuals with
1661 intellectual disability;

1662 Sec. 72. Section 19a-701 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1663 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

1664 A managed residential community shall meet the requirements of
1665 all applicable federal and state laws and regulations, including, but not
1666 limited to, the Public Health Code, State Building Code and the Fire
1667 Safety Code, and federal and state laws and regulations governing
1668 [handicapped] accessibility for persons with disabilities.

1669 Sec. 73. Section 19a-52 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1670 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

1671 Notwithstanding any other provision of the general statutes, the
1672 Department of Public Health or the department's contractor, in
1673 carrying out its powers and duties under section 19a-50, may, within
1674 the limits of appropriations, purchase [wheelchairs and placement
1675 equipment directly and without the issuance of a purchase order,
1676 provided such purchases shall not be in excess of six thousand five
1677 hundred dollars per unit purchased. All such purchases shall be made
1678 in the open market, but shall, when possible, be based on at least three
1679 competitive bids. Such bids shall be solicited by sending notice to
1680 prospective suppliers and by posting notice on a public bulletin board
1681 within said Department of Public Health. Each bid shall be opened
1682 publicly at the time stated in the notice soliciting such bid. Acceptance
1683 of a bid by said Department of Public Health shall be based on

1684 standard specifications as may be adopted by said department]
1685 medically necessary and appropriate durable medical equipment and
1686 other department approved goods and services. Such goods and
1687 services shall be identical to goods and services that are covered under
1688 the Connecticut Medicaid and HUSKY Programs and the payment for
1689 such goods and services shall not exceed the Connecticut Medicaid
1690 payment rate for the same goods and services.

1691 Sec. 74. Subsection (b) of section 19a-59 of the general statutes is
1692 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1693 *October 1, 2017*):

1694 (b) The Department of Public Health shall establish a plan to
1695 implement and operate a program of early identification of [infant
1696 hearing impairment] infants who are hard of hearing. The purpose of
1697 such plan shall be to: (1) Identify infants at high risk of having hearing
1698 impairments; (2) notify parents of such infants of the risk; (3) inform
1699 parents of resources available to them for further testing and
1700 treatment, including rehabilitation services for such infants; and (4)
1701 inform parents of financial assistance available through the
1702 Department of Public Health, including, but not limited to, parental
1703 eligibility criteria, which may result in reduced cost or no cost to
1704 parents for testing, evaluation or treatment, including rehabilitation of
1705 such infants. The department shall develop such plan in consultation
1706 with persons including, but not limited to, pediatricians,
1707 otolaryngologists, audiologists, educators and parents of [deaf and
1708 hearing impaired] children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

1709 Sec. 75. Section 20-74a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1710 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

1711 As used in this chapter:

1712 (1) "Occupational therapy" means the evaluation, planning and
1713 implementation of a program of purposeful activities to develop or
1714 maintain adaptive skills necessary to achieve the maximal physical and
1715 mental functioning of the individual in his or her daily pursuits. The

1716 practice of "occupational therapy" includes, but is not limited to,
1717 evaluation and treatment of individuals whose abilities to cope with
1718 the tasks of living are threatened or impaired by developmental
1719 [deficits] disabilities, the aging process, learning disabilities, poverty
1720 and cultural differences, physical injury or disease, psychological and
1721 social disabilities, or anticipated [disfunction] dysfunction, using (A)
1722 such treatment techniques as task-oriented activities to prevent or
1723 correct physical or emotional [deficits] disabilities or to minimize the
1724 disabling effect of these [deficits] disabilities in the life of the
1725 individual, (B) such evaluation techniques as assessment of sensory
1726 motor abilities, assessment of the development of self-care activities
1727 and capacity for independence, assessment of the physical capacity for
1728 prevocational and work tasks, assessment of play and leisure
1729 performance, and appraisal of living areas for [the handicapped]
1730 persons with disabilities, (C) specific occupational therapy techniques
1731 such as activities of daily living skills, the fabrication and application
1732 of splinting devices, sensory motor activities, the use of specifically
1733 designed manual and creative activities, guidance in the selection and
1734 use of adaptive equipment, specific exercises to enhance functional
1735 performance and treatment techniques for physical capabilities for
1736 work activities. Such techniques are applied in the treatment of
1737 individual patients or clients, in groups or through social systems.
1738 Occupational therapy also includes the establishment and modification
1739 of peer review.

1740 (2) "Occupational therapist" means a person licensed to practice
1741 occupational therapy as defined in this chapter and whose license is in
1742 good standing.

1743 (3) "Occupational therapy assistant" means a person licensed to
1744 assist in the practice of occupational therapy, under the supervision of
1745 or with the consultation of a licensed occupational therapist, and
1746 whose license is in good standing.

1747 (4) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Health or
1748 the commissioner's designee.

1749 (5) "Department" means the Department of Public Health.

1750 (6) "Supervision" means the overseeing of or participation in the
1751 work of an occupational therapy assistant by a licensed occupational
1752 therapist, including, but not limited to: (A) Continuous availability of
1753 direct communication between the occupational therapy assistant and
1754 the licensed occupational therapist; (B) availability of the licensed
1755 occupational therapist on a regularly scheduled basis to (i) review the
1756 practice of the occupational therapy assistant, and (ii) support the
1757 occupational therapy assistant in the performance of the occupational
1758 therapy assistant's services; and (C) a predetermined plan for
1759 emergency situations, including the designation of an alternate
1760 licensed occupational therapist to oversee or participate in the work of
1761 the occupational therapy assistant in the absence of the regular
1762 licensed occupational therapist.

1763 Sec. 76. Subsection (h) of section 25-68d of the general statutes is
1764 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
1765 *October 1, 2017*):

1766 (h) The provisions of subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, and (f) and (g)
1767 of this section shall not apply to the following critical activities above
1768 the one-hundred-year flood elevation that involve state funded
1769 housing reconstruction, rehabilitation or renovation, provided the state
1770 agency that provides funding for such activity certifies that it complies
1771 with the provisions of the National Flood Insurance Program and the
1772 requirements of this subsection: (1) Projects involving the renovation
1773 or rehabilitation of existing housing on the Department of Housing's
1774 most recent affordable housing appeals list; (2) construction of minor
1775 structures to an existing building for the purpose of providing
1776 [handicapped] accessibility to persons with disabilities pursuant to the
1777 State Building Code; (3) construction of open decks attached to
1778 residential structures, properly anchored in accordance with the State
1779 Building Code; (4) the demolition and reconstruction of existing
1780 housing for persons and families of low and moderate income,
1781 provided there is no increase in the number of dwelling units and (A)

1782 such reconstruction is limited to the footprint of the existing
1783 foundation of the building or buildings used for such purpose, or
1784 which could be used for such purpose subsequent to reconstruction, or
1785 (B) such reconstruction is on a parcel of land where the elevation of
1786 such land is above the one-hundred-year flood elevation, provided
1787 there is no placement of fill within an adopted Federal Emergency
1788 Management Agency flood zone.

1789 Sec. 77. Section 26-29 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1790 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

1791 No fee shall be charged for any sport fishing license issued under
1792 this chapter to any [blind] person who is blind, and such license shall
1793 be a lifetime license not subject to the expiration provisions of section
1794 26-35. Proof of such blindness shall be furnished, in the case of a
1795 veteran, by the United States Veterans' Administration and, in the case
1796 of any other person, by the Department of Rehabilitation Services. For
1797 the purpose of this section, a person shall be blind only if his or her
1798 central visual acuity does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with
1799 correcting lenses, or if his or her visual acuity is greater than 20/200
1800 but is accompanied by a limitation in the fields of vision such that the
1801 widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than
1802 twenty degrees.

1803 Sec. 78. Section 26-29b of the general statutes is repealed and the
1804 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

1805 No fee shall be charged for any hunting, sport fishing or trapping
1806 license issued under this chapter to any [physically disabled] person
1807 with physical disability, and such license shall be a lifetime license not
1808 subject to the expiration provisions of section 26-35. For the purposes
1809 of this section, a ["physically disabled person"] "person with physical
1810 disability" is any person whose disability consists of the loss of one or
1811 more limbs or the permanent loss of the use of one or more limbs. A
1812 [physically disabled] person with physical disability shall submit to
1813 the commissioner a certification, signed by a licensed physician or a

1814 licensed advanced practice registered nurse, of such physical
1815 disability. No fee shall be charged for any hunting or sport fishing
1816 license issued under this chapter to any [physically disabled] person
1817 with physical disability who is not a resident of this state if such
1818 person is a resident of a state in which a [physically disabled] person
1819 with physical disability from Connecticut will not be required to pay a
1820 fee for a hunting or sport fishing license, and such license shall be a
1821 lifetime license not subject to the expiration provisions of section 26-35.

1822 Sec. 79. Section 26-66 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1823 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

1824 The commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance with the
1825 provisions of chapter 54 governing the taking of wildlife, provided any
1826 regulations concerning the taking of migratory game birds shall be
1827 consistent with section 26-91. The regulations may: (1) Establish the
1828 open and closed seasons, which may be modified by decreasing or
1829 increasing the number of days for any specific species, (2) establish
1830 hours, days or periods during the open season when hunting shall not
1831 be permitted for specific species, (3) establish legal hours, (4) prescribe
1832 the legal methods, including type, kind, gauge and caliber of weapons
1833 and ammunition, including long bow, (5) prescribe the sex of wildlife
1834 that may be taken on a state-wide or local area basis, (6) establish the
1835 daily bag limit and the season bag limit, (7) establish the maximum
1836 number of persons that may hunt on designated areas during any
1837 twenty-four-hour period, (8) require that a permit be obtained from the
1838 landowner or [his] such landowner's agent, or the commissioner or
1839 [his] such commissioner's agent, to enter upon designated premises or
1840 areas for the purpose of hunting, and further require that such permit
1841 be returned within a specified time to the issuing authority with an
1842 accurate report of all wildlife taken under such permit, the time spent
1843 on the premises or area and any other data required by the
1844 commissioner for management purposes, (9) establish areas that shall
1845 be restricted for designated periods for hunting only with long bow or
1846 other specified weapons, (10) establish areas that shall be restricted for
1847 designated periods for hunting exclusively by [the physically

1848 handicapped] persons with physical disabilities, (11) establish
1849 requirements and procedures for tagging and reporting birds or
1850 animals taken by hunting or trapping; and, in the interest of public
1851 safety and for the purpose of preventing unreasonable conduct and
1852 abuses by hunters, and to provide reasonable control of the actions and
1853 behavior of such persons, said commissioner may issue regulations
1854 and orders to (12) prohibit the carrying of loaded firearms and hunting
1855 within specified distances of buildings, (13) prohibit the discharge of
1856 firearms and other hunting devices within specified distances of
1857 buildings and, when within specified distances, the discharge of such
1858 firearms and devices toward persons, buildings and livestock, (14)
1859 prohibit hunting while on any road adjacent to any state park, state
1860 forest, premises used for the breeding, rearing or holding in captivity
1861 of wildlife or premises used for zoological purposes, (15) establish
1862 minimum distances between fixed positions, floating and drift blinds
1863 for waterfowl hunting, (16) prohibit crossing over lawns and lands
1864 under cultivation, (17) prohibit damage to property, livestock and
1865 agricultural crops, (18) prohibit, during specified periods on
1866 designated areas, the training, exercising and running of dogs under
1867 control or uncontrolled, (19) prohibit the operation and parking of
1868 vehicles on designated portions of public and private roads, parking
1869 areas, lanes, passageways, rights-of-way, fields and lots, (20) prohibit
1870 the discarding of bottles, glass, cans, paper, junk, litter and trash, (21)
1871 control the launching, anchoring, mooring, storage and abandonment
1872 of boats, trailers and related equipment on properties under the
1873 control of the commissioner, (22) specify (A) the persons who shall
1874 wear fluorescent orange clothing, (B) the time periods during which
1875 such clothing shall be worn and (C) the types and amounts of such
1876 clothing which shall be worn, on and after January 1, 1989, when
1877 hunting.

1878 Sec. 80. Section 26-112 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1879 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

1880 The commissioner may, after notice and public hearing, issue
1881 regulations governing fishing for all species of fish and the taking of all

1882 bait species in the inland district, which regulations may: (1) Establish
1883 the open and closed seasons, which may be modified by decreasing or
1884 increasing the number of days on any specific species, (2) establish
1885 hours, days or periods during the open season when fishing shall not
1886 be permitted in designated waters for all or limited species, (3)
1887 prescribe the legal methods of taking, (4) establish the legal length, (5)
1888 establish the daily creel limit, the season creel limit and the possession
1889 limit, (6) restrict or prohibit wading in streams or portions thereof,
1890 fishing from boats, canoes, rafts and other floating devices and fishing
1891 from designated land areas, (7) establish the maximum number of
1892 persons, boats, canoes and other floating devices that may use any area
1893 of water for fishing, (8) require that a permit be obtained from the
1894 landowner or his agent, or from the commissioner or an agent of the
1895 department, to enter upon designated premises or areas for the
1896 purpose of fishing, and further require that such permit be returned
1897 within a specified time to the issuing authority with an accurate report
1898 of all fish taken under such permit, time spent on the area and any
1899 other data required by the commissioner for management purposes,
1900 (9) restrict or prohibit the use of any craft other than manually
1901 propelled, (10) designate areas of land and water that shall be
1902 restricted for the exclusive use of children or [the physically
1903 handicapped] persons with physical disabilities. For the purpose of
1904 protecting public and private interests and preventing unreasonable
1905 conduct and abuses by fishermen, and to provide reasonable control of
1906 the actions and behavior of such persons, said commissioner may issue
1907 regulations and orders to (11) provide that entrance to and exit from
1908 streams, lakes and ponds shall be restricted to rights-of-way
1909 designated by posters or that consent shall be obtained from the
1910 landowner or his agent, (12) establish reasonable distances from the
1911 banks of streams, lakes and ponds beyond which fishermen shall not
1912 trespass, (13) prohibit crossing over lawns and lands under cultivation,
1913 (14) prohibit damage to property, livestock and agricultural crops, (15)
1914 prohibit swimming and picnicking in designated areas, (16) prohibit
1915 the operation or parking of vehicles on designated portions of public
1916 and private roads, parking areas, lanes, passageways, rights-of-way,

1917 fields and lots, (17) prohibit the discarding of bottles, glass, cans,
1918 paper, junk, litter and trash, (18) control the launching, anchoring,
1919 mooring, storage and abandonment of boats, trailers and related
1920 equipment on properties under the control of the commissioner.

1921 Sec. 81. Section 31-12 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1922 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

1923 (a) [None of the following persons under the conditions hereinafter
1924 described shall be employed in any manufacturing or mechanical
1925 establishment more than nine hours in any day or forty-eight hours in
1926 any calendar week: (1) Persons] No person under the age of eighteen
1927 years who [are] is not enrolled in and [have] has not graduated from a
1928 secondary educational institution [; (2) persons sixty-six years of age or
1929 older, except with their consent; (3) handicapped persons, so
1930 designated by medical or governmental authority, except with their
1931 consent and after certification by a physician or an advanced practice
1932 registered nurse that the extended hours of work will not be injurious
1933 to their health; (4) disabled veterans, as defined under state or federal
1934 law, except with their consent and after certification by a physician or
1935 an advanced practice registered nurse that the extended hours of work
1936 will not be injurious to their health] shall be employed in any
1937 manufacturing or mechanical establishment more than nine hours in
1938 any day or forty-eight hours in any calendar week.

1939 (b) If the Labor Commissioner finds, upon application of an
1940 employer, that an emergency exists or that seasonal or peak demand
1941 places an unusual and temporary burden upon any manufacturing or
1942 mechanical establishment, any such person under the age of eighteen
1943 may be employed in such establishment not more than ten hours in
1944 any day and not more than fifty-five hours in any calendar week, but
1945 the total number of weeks of any such employment in any twelve
1946 consecutive months shall not exceed twelve.

1947 (c) With respect to any group, category or class of employees for
1948 which a work week of less than five days has been established or

1949 agreed upon, the employer shall adhere to the applicable weekly
1950 limitation period prescribed but may extend the number of hours per
1951 day for each day of the shortened work week provided the number of
1952 hours shall be the same for each day of the work week.

1953 (d) In the event of war or other national emergency, the
1954 commissioner after investigation may, with the approval of the
1955 Governor, extend the number of weeks of any such employment if
1956 such extension is necessary to meet scheduled production of war or
1957 critical material.

1958 (e) No person under eighteen years of age who is enrolled in a
1959 secondary education institution shall be employed in any
1960 manufacturing or mechanical establishment more than (1) six hours in
1961 any regularly scheduled school day unless the regularly scheduled
1962 school day immediately precedes a nonschool day or eight hours in
1963 any other day, and (2) thirty-two hours in any calendar week during
1964 which the school in which such person is enrolled is in session, or
1965 forty-eight hours in any calendar week during which the school in
1966 which such person is enrolled is not in session. Notwithstanding any
1967 provision of this section, the number of hours such person participates
1968 in a work experience that is part of an approved educational plan,
1969 cooperative program or school-to-work program shall not be counted
1970 against the daily or weekly limits set forth in this section.

1971 (f) The provisions of this section shall not apply to permanent
1972 salaried employees in executive, administrative or professional
1973 positions as defined by the Labor Commissioner, or to persons under
1974 eighteen years of age who have graduated from a secondary
1975 educational institution.

1976 Sec. 82. Section 31-13 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1977 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

1978 (a) [None of the following persons under the conditions hereinafter
1979 described shall be employed in any mercantile establishment more
1980 than eight hours in any one day, or more than six days in any one

1981 calendar week or more than forty-eight hours in any one calendar
1982 week: (1) Persons] No person under the age of eighteen years who
1983 [are] is not enrolled in and [have] has not graduated from a secondary
1984 educational institution [; (2) persons sixty-six years of age or older,
1985 except with their consent; (3) handicapped persons, so designated by
1986 medical or governmental authority, except with their consent and after
1987 certification by a physician or an advanced practice registered nurse
1988 that the extended hours of work will not be injurious to their health; (4)
1989 disabled veterans, as defined under state or federal law, except with
1990 their consent and after certification by a physician or an advanced
1991 practice registered nurse that the extended hours of work will not be
1992 injurious to their health; but any such person may be permitted to
1993 work in any such establishment one day in any calendar week for not
1994 more than ten hours, for the purpose of making one shorter day during
1995 such week, and any employer who, during any year, gives not fewer
1996 than seven holidays with pay shall be exempt from the foregoing
1997 provisions hereof during the period from the eighteenth to the twenty-
1998 fifth day of December of such year] shall be employed in any
1999 mercantile establishment more than eight hours in any one day, or
2000 more than six days in any one calendar week or more than forty-eight
2001 hours in any one calendar week.

2002 (b) If the Labor Commissioner finds, upon application of an
2003 employer, that an emergency exists or that seasonal or peak demand
2004 places an unusual and temporary burden upon any mercantile
2005 establishment, any such person under the age of eighteen years may be
2006 employed in such establishment not more than ten hours in any day
2007 and not more than fifty-two hours in any calendar week, but the total
2008 number of weeks of any such employment in any twelve months shall
2009 not exceed eight.

2010 (c) No person under eighteen years of age who is enrolled in a
2011 secondary education institution shall be employed in any mercantile
2012 establishment more than (1) six hours in any regularly scheduled
2013 school day unless the regularly scheduled school day immediately
2014 precedes a nonschool day or eight hours in any other day, and (2)

thirty-two hours in any calendar week during which the school in which such person is enrolled is in session, or forty-eight hours in any other calendar week during which the school in which such person is enrolled is not is session. Notwithstanding any provision of this section, the number of hours such person participates in a work experience that is part of an approved educational plan, cooperative program or school-to-work program shall not be counted against the daily or weekly limits set forth in this section.

(d) Each employer in any such establishment shall post in a conspicuous place in each room where such persons are employed a notice, the form of which shall be furnished by the Labor Commissioner, stating specifically the hours of work required of such persons on each day of the week, and the employment of any such persons for a longer time than so stated shall be a violation of this section.

(e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to permanent salaried employees in executive, managerial or supervisory positions excepted from the provisions of part I of chapter 558 who receive a regular salary of not less than the minimum fixed for such employment in any wage order or administrative regulation issued under authority of said part, or to persons under eighteen years of age who have graduated from a secondary educational institution.

Sec. 83. Section 31-18 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

(a) No public restaurant, cafe, dining room, barber shop, hairdressing or manicuring establishment, amusement or recreational establishment, bowling alley, shoe-shining establishment, billiard or pool room or photograph gallery shall employ or permit to work any person under eighteen years of age (1) between the hours of ten o'clock in the evening and six o'clock in the morning, [or any of the persons described below under conditions herein set forth more than nine hours in any day: (A) Persons sixty-six years of age or older, except

2047 with their consent; (B) handicapped persons, so designated by medical
2048 or governmental authority, except with their consent and after
2049 certification by a physician or an advanced practice registered nurse
2050 that the extended hours of work will not be injurious to their health;
2051 (C) disabled veterans, as defined under state or federal law, except
2052 with their consent and after certification by a physician or an advanced
2053 practice registered nurse that the extended hours of work will not be
2054 injurious to their health; provided any such person may be permitted
2055 to work in any such establishment one day in a week for not more than
2056 ten hours on such day, but not more than six days or forty-eight hours
2057 in any one week, and provided further, persons] provided any person
2058 between sixteen and eighteen years of age may be employed in any
2059 amusement or recreational establishment, restaurant, cafe or dining
2060 room, or employed in any theater until twelve o'clock midnight unless
2061 such [persons are] person is regularly attending school in which case
2062 such [minors] person may be employed until eleven o'clock in the
2063 evening on days which precede a regularly scheduled school day and
2064 until twelve o'clock midnight during any regular school vacation
2065 season and on days which do not precede a regularly scheduled school
2066 day, and (2) more than (A) six hours in any regularly scheduled school
2067 day unless the regularly scheduled school day immediately precedes a
2068 nonschool day or eight hours in any other day, and (B) thirty-two
2069 hours in any calendar week during which the school in which such
2070 person is enrolled is in session or forty-eight hours in any other
2071 calendar week during which the school in which such person is
2072 enrolled is not in session. Notwithstanding any provision of this
2073 section, the number of hours such person participates in a work
2074 experience that is part of an approved educational plan, cooperative
2075 program or school-to-work program shall not be counted against the
2076 daily or weekly limits set forth in this section.

2077 (b) The hours of labor of such persons shall be conspicuously posted
2078 in such establishment in such form and manner as the Labor
2079 Commissioner determines.

2080 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any person

2081 under eighteen years of age who has graduated from a secondary
2082 educational institution.

2083 Sec. 84. Section 31-136 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2084 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

2085 The Labor Commissioner shall carry on a continuing program to
2086 promote the employment of [handicapped] persons with disabilities
2087 by creating state-wide interest in the rehabilitation and employment of
2088 [the handicapped] persons with disabilities and by obtaining and
2089 maintaining cooperation from all public and private groups in this
2090 field. [The commissioner shall work in cooperation with the President's
2091 Commission on Employment of the Handicapped in order to more
2092 effectively carry out the purposes of this chapter.]

2093 Sec. 85. Section 31-138 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2094 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

2095 The Governor shall [designate the first full week in] proclaim the
2096 month of October of each year [as "National Employ the Handicapped
2097 Week"] to be Disability Employment Awareness Month.

2098 Sec. 86. Subsection (a) of section 31-283a of the general statutes is
2099 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
2100 *October 1, 2017*):

2101 (a) The Department of Rehabilitation Services shall provide
2102 rehabilitation programs for employees [suffering] with compensable
2103 injuries within the provisions of this chapter, which injuries [disabled
2104 them] prevented such employees from performing their customary or
2105 most recent work. The Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services shall
2106 establish rehabilitation programs which shall best suit the needs of
2107 [injured] such employees and shall make the programs available in
2108 convenient locations throughout the state. After consultation with the
2109 Labor Commissioner, the Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services
2110 may establish fees for the programs, so as to provide the most effective
2111 rehabilitation programs at a minimum rate. In order to carry out the

2112 provisions of this section, the Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services
2113 shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter
2114 54, and, subject to the provisions of chapter 67, provide for the
2115 employment of necessary assistants.

2116 Sec. 87. Subdivision (2) of subsection (m) of section 38a-465g of the
2117 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
2118 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

2119 (2) The owner submits independent evidence to the provider that
2120 one or more of the following conditions have been met within said
2121 two-year period: (A) The owner or insured is terminally ill or
2122 chronically ill; (B) the owner or insured disposes of the owner or
2123 insured's ownership interests in a closely held corporation, pursuant to
2124 the terms of a buyout or other similar agreement in effect at the time
2125 the insurance policy was initially issued; (C) the owner's spouse dies;
2126 (D) the owner divorces his or her spouse; (E) the owner retires from
2127 full-time employment; (F) the owner [becomes physically or mentally
2128 disabled] has a physical or mental disability and a physician or an
2129 advanced practice registered nurse determines that the disability
2130 prevents the owner from maintaining full-time employment; or (G) a
2131 final order, judgment or decree is entered by a court of competent
2132 jurisdiction on the application of a creditor of the owner, adjudicating
2133 the owner bankrupt or insolvent, or approving a petition seeking
2134 reorganization of the owner or appointing a receiver, trustee or
2135 liquidator to all or a substantial part of the owner's assets.

2136 Sec. 88. Subsection (b) of section 38a-493 of the general statutes is
2137 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
2138 *October 1, 2017*):

2139 (b) For the purposes of this section, "hospital" means an institution
2140 that is primarily engaged in providing, by or under the supervision of
2141 physicians, to inpatients (1) diagnostic, surgical and therapeutic
2142 services for medical diagnosis, treatment and care of [injured, disabled
2143 or sick] persons who have an injury, sickness or disability, or (2)

2144 medical rehabilitation services for the rehabilitation of [injured,
2145 disabled or sick] persons who have an injury, sickness or disability,
2146 provided "hospital" shall not include a residential care home, nursing
2147 home, rest home or alcohol or drug treatment facility, as defined in
2148 section 19a-490, as amended by this act. For the purposes of this
2149 section and section 38a-494, "home health care" means the continued
2150 care and treatment of a covered person who is under the care of a
2151 physician or an advanced practice registered nurse but only if (A)
2152 continued hospitalization would otherwise have been required if home
2153 health care was not provided, except in the case of a covered person
2154 diagnosed by a physician or an advanced practice registered nurse as
2155 terminally ill with a prognosis of six months or less to live, and (B) the
2156 plan covering the home health care is established and approved in
2157 writing by such physician or advanced practice registered nurse within
2158 seven days following termination of a hospital confinement as a
2159 resident inpatient for the same or a related condition for which the
2160 covered person was hospitalized, except that in the case of a covered
2161 person diagnosed by a physician or an advanced practice registered
2162 nurse as terminally ill with a prognosis of six months or less to live,
2163 such plan may be so established and approved at any time irrespective
2164 of whether such covered person was so confined or, if such covered
2165 person was so confined, irrespective of such seven-day period, and (C)
2166 such home health care is commenced within seven days following
2167 discharge, except in the case of a covered person diagnosed by a
2168 physician or an advanced practice registered nurse as terminally ill
2169 with a prognosis of six months or less to live.

2170 Sec. 89. Subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 38a-496 of the
2171 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
2172 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

2173 (3) "Rehabilitative agency" means an agency which provides an
2174 integrated multitreatment program designed to upgrade the function
2175 of [handicapped disabled individuals] persons with physical
2176 disabilities by bringing together, as a team, specialized personnel from
2177 various allied health fields.

2178 Sec. 90. Subsection (b) of section 38a-520 of the general statutes is
2179 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
2180 *October 1, 2017*):

2181 (b) For the purposes of this section, "hospital" means an institution
2182 which is primarily engaged in providing, by or under the supervision
2183 of physicians, to inpatients (1) diagnostic, surgical and therapeutic
2184 services for medical diagnosis, treatment and care of [injured, disabled
2185 or sick] persons who have an injury, sickness or disability, or (2)
2186 medical rehabilitation services for the rehabilitation of [injured,
2187 disabled or sick] persons who have an injury, sickness or disability,
2188 provided "hospital" shall not include a residential care home, nursing
2189 home, rest home or alcohol or drug treatment facility, as defined in
2190 section 19a-490, as amended by this act. For the purposes of this
2191 section and section 38a-494, "home health care" means the continued
2192 care and treatment of a covered person who is under the care of a
2193 physician or an advanced practice registered nurse but only if (A)
2194 continued hospitalization would otherwise have been required if home
2195 health care was not provided, except in the case of a covered person
2196 diagnosed by a physician or an advanced practice registered nurse as
2197 terminally ill with a prognosis of six months or less to live, and (B) the
2198 plan covering the home health care is established and approved in
2199 writing by such physician or advanced practice registered nurse within
2200 seven days following termination of a hospital confinement as a
2201 resident inpatient for the same or a related condition for which the
2202 covered person was hospitalized, except that in the case of a covered
2203 person diagnosed by a physician or an advanced practice registered
2204 nurse as terminally ill with a prognosis of six months or less to live,
2205 such plan may be so established and approved at any time irrespective
2206 of whether such covered person was so confined or, if such covered
2207 person was so confined, irrespective of such seven-day period, and (C)
2208 such home health care is commenced within seven days following
2209 discharge, except in the case of a covered person diagnosed by a
2210 physician or an advanced practice registered nurse as terminally ill
2211 with a prognosis of six months or less to live.

2212 Sec. 91. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 38a-523 of the
2213 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
2214 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

2215 (2) "Comprehensive rehabilitation facility" means a facility that is:
2216 (A) Primarily engaged in providing diagnostic, therapeutic and
2217 restorative services through such licensed health care professionals to
2218 [injured, ill or disabled individuals] persons who have an injury,
2219 sickness or disability solely on an outpatient basis and (B) accredited
2220 for the provision of such services by the Commission on Accreditation
2221 for Rehabilitation Facilities or the Professional Services Board of the
2222 American Speech-Language Hearing Association.

2223 Sec. 92. Subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 38a-524 of the
2224 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
2225 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

2226 (3) "Rehabilitative agency" means an agency which provides an
2227 integrated multitreatment program designed to upgrade the function
2228 of [handicapped disabled individuals] persons with physical
2229 disabilities by bringing together, as a team, specialized personnel from
2230 various allied health fields.

2231 Sec. 93. Subdivision (1) of section 42-330 of the general statutes is
2232 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
2233 *October 1, 2017*):

2234 (1) "Assistive technology device" means any device sold, leased or
2235 transferred in this state or to a consumer in this state on or after
2236 January 1, 1998, that is used or designed to be used to enable or
2237 enhance the ability of a person with a disability to communicate, see,
2238 hear or achieve mobility, including, but not limited to, (A) manual or
2239 motor-driven wheelchairs and other assistive devices that enhance a
2240 mobility impaired person's ability to achieve mobility, including
2241 seating and positioning aids, (B) telephone communication devices for
2242 [the hearing impaired] persons who are hard of hearing and other
2243 assistive listening devices that enhance [a hearing impaired person's]

2244 the ability of a person who is hard of hearing to hear or communicate,
2245 but not including hearing aids, (C) voice synthesized computer
2246 modules, optical scanners, talking software, braille printers and other
2247 assistive devices that enhance a sight impaired person's ability to see
2248 or communicate, (D) computer equipment with voice output, artificial
2249 larynges, voice amplification devices and other alternative and
2250 augmentative communication devices, (E) any system of such devices
2251 that, as a whole, is itself such a device, (F) any component product of
2252 such devices that is itself ordinarily such a device, and (G) any such
2253 device used primarily by a dealer, lessor or manufacturer for the
2254 purpose of demonstration to the public or to prospective purchasers or
2255 lessees. "Assistive technology device" does not include batteries used
2256 in or nonessential accessories to any such devices.

2257 Sec. 94. Section 46a-8 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2258 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

2259 For the purposes of this chapter the term "person with a disability"
2260 means any person who has a physical, mental, emotional or other
2261 disability or [disfunction] dysfunction which constitutes a significant
2262 obstacle to such person's ability to function normally in society and
2263 includes those persons defined as developmentally disabled under
2264 Public Law 94-103 and any subsequent amendments thereto.

2265 Sec. 95. Section 46a-9 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2266 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

2267 There is established a Board of Protection and Advocacy for Persons
2268 with Disabilities, otherwise referred to in this section as the advocacy
2269 board. The advocacy board shall advise the executive director of the
2270 Office of Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities on
2271 matters relating to advocacy policy, client service priorities and issues
2272 affecting persons with disabilities. Said advocacy board shall consist of
2273 fifteen members appointed by the Governor and be comprised of ten
2274 persons with disabilities or a parent or guardian of a person with a
2275 disability, at least four of whom shall represent [developmentally

2276 disabled] persons with developmental disabilities, and five persons
2277 who are knowledgeable in the problems of persons with disabilities,
2278 including the state Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator and the
2279 chairperson for the advisory board of the protection and advocacy for
2280 individuals with mental illness program. The Governor or the
2281 Governor's designee shall serve on the board as a nonvoting member.
2282 No officer or employee of a state or private agency providing services
2283 to persons with disabilities other than the chairperson for the advisory
2284 board of the protection and advocacy for individuals with mental
2285 illness program, if applicable, may serve as a member of the advocacy
2286 board. The Governor shall appoint one of the members of said board to
2287 serve as chairperson. All members of the advocacy board shall serve
2288 without compensation but shall be compensated for necessary
2289 expenses, incurred in the performance of their duties as board
2290 members.

2291 Sec. 96. Section 46a-10 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2292 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

2293 There is established an Office of Protection and Advocacy for
2294 Persons with Disabilities, hereinafter referred to as the advocacy office,
2295 for the protection and advocacy of the rights of persons with
2296 disabilities and [developmentally disabled] persons with
2297 developmental disabilities. The operations of the advocacy office shall
2298 be administered by a director of advocacy for persons with disabilities.
2299 Said director shall be a person knowledgeable in the problems of
2300 persons with disabilities or advocacy and shall be appointed by the
2301 Governor. The director may employ necessary staff, subject to
2302 available appropriations and the provisions of chapter 67. The director
2303 may adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54, subject to the
2304 approval of said board, to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

2305 Sec. 97. Section 46a-11 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2306 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

2307 The director may, within available appropriations:

2308 (1) Purchase or contract for necessary services including, but not
2309 limited to, legal services;

2310 (2) Receive and spend, pursuant to the purposes of this chapter,
2311 moneys in the form of gifts, bequests, state appropriations, state or
2312 private grants or federal grants;

2313 (3) Establish a state-wide toll-free telephone information and
2314 referral system for persons with disabilities for referral of such persons
2315 to appropriate public or private agencies or services. Such information
2316 and referral system may be coordinated with the Governor's state-
2317 wide information bureau or any other existing information and referral
2318 services;

2319 (4) Receive and investigate complaints from persons with
2320 disabilities, parents or guardians of such persons or in writing from
2321 any other interested person, act as an advocate for any person with a
2322 disability and initiate or fund legal actions to protect the rights of any
2323 person with a disability;

2324 (5) Request and receive information, including personal data,
2325 concerning a person with a disability from any state or private agency,
2326 with the consent of such person with a disability, or the parent or
2327 guardian of such person, as appropriate. With respect to [a
2328 developmentally disabled adult] an adult with a developmental
2329 disability who has no guardian or whose guardian is an employee of
2330 the Department of Developmental Services, the director may request
2331 and receive such information only if:

2332 (A) A request for advocacy services has been made on such person's
2333 behalf;

2334 (B) Such person does not indicate refusal to give consent to receipt
2335 of the information by the director;

2336 (C) Such person resides in a facility for [developmentally disabled]
2337 persons with developmental disabilities, including any institution, as

2338 defined in subsection (a) of section 19a-490, as amended by this act, or
2339 has been placed in a boarding home, group home or other residential
2340 facility pursuant to section 17a-277;

2341 (D) Such person has received an explanation of the manner in which
2342 any information obtained concerning such person will be used by the
2343 advocacy office;

2344 (E) Such person has received an explanation of such person's right
2345 to refuse to allow the director to request or receive such information;
2346 and

2347 (F) The director has documented the director's conscientious efforts
2348 to provide the required explanations and verified that [the
2349 developmentally disabled] such person has not indicated refusal to
2350 give consent;

2351 (6) Coordinate and cooperate with other private and public agencies
2352 concerned with the implementation, monitoring and enforcement of
2353 the rights of persons with disabilities and enter into cooperative
2354 agreements with public or private agencies for furtherance of the
2355 rights of persons with disabilities;

2356 (7) Represent, appear, intervene in or bring an action on behalf of
2357 any person with a disability or class of persons, with the consent of
2358 such person or the parent or legal guardian of such person, in any
2359 proceeding before any court, agency, board or commission in this state
2360 in which matters related to this chapter are in issue;

2361 (8) Implement, with the approval of the individual using a service
2362 provided by the advocacy office, a case follow-up system;

2363 (9) Research and identify the needs of persons with disabilities and
2364 programs and services available to meet those needs;

2365 (10) Develop and maintain a program of public education and
2366 information, such program to include, but not be limited to, education
2367 of the public concerning the needs and rights of persons with

2368 disabilities, in cooperation with existing state and private agencies, an
2369 outreach effort to discover persons with disabilities in need of
2370 assistance or an advocate and provisions for a class or group advocacy
2371 service;

2372 (11) Develop and maintain an individual advocacy service for
2373 persons with disabilities which shall investigate referred problems or
2374 complaints;

2375 (12) Receive, review and make such recommendations as [he] the
2376 director deems appropriate on applications for waivers from the
2377 requirements of the State Building Code, submitted by the State
2378 Building Inspector pursuant to the provisions of subsection (b) of
2379 section 29-269;

2380 (13) Ensure that all aspects of agency operations conform to
2381 federally established protection and advocacy requirements for
2382 program independence and authority, including:

2383 (A) Structural independence from other agencies which provide
2384 services to people with disabilities;

2385 (B) Authority to pursue legal and administrative remedies on behalf
2386 of persons with disabilities;

2387 (C) Authority to investigate allegations of abuse and neglect of
2388 persons with disabilities who receive care, treatment or services;

2389 (D) Authority to access persons who are residents of facilities or
2390 clients of services systems, and with appropriate consent, to access
2391 such residents' records concerning care, treatment or services;

2392 (E) Authority to educate policy makers, consumers and members of
2393 the public about issues affecting persons with disabilities;

2394 (F) Authority to reach out to members of traditionally underserved
2395 populations;

2396 (G) Authority to develop an annual statement of priorities and
2397 objectives and to solicit public comment and input on such process;
2398 and

2399 (H) Compliance with federally established confidentiality
2400 requirements; and

2401 (14) Establish an Accessibility Advisory Board with membership
2402 comprised of design professionals, persons with disabilities, persons
2403 who have family members with disabilities and any other person that
2404 the director believes would provide valuable insight and input on
2405 matters relating to accessibility. The Accessibility Advisory Board shall
2406 meet periodically at such times and places as the director designates,
2407 to advise the director on accessibility matters relating to housing,
2408 transportation, government programs and services, and any other
2409 matters deemed advisable by the director or the board.

2410 Sec. 98. Section 46a-27 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2411 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

2412 The [Commission on the Deaf and Hearing Impaired] Advisory
2413 Board for Persons who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing is hereby created
2414 to advocate, strengthen and advise the [Department of Rehabilitation
2415 Services] Governor and the General Assembly concerning state policies
2416 affecting [deaf and hearing impaired individuals] people who are deaf
2417 or hard of hearing and their relationship to the public, industry, health
2418 care and educational opportunity.

2419 The board shall:

2420 (1) Monitor services for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing;

2421 (2) Periodically meet with the Commissioners of Public Health,
2422 Social Services, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Education,
2423 Developmental Services, and Children and Families and the Labor
2424 Commissioner, or the commissioners' designees, to discuss best
2425 practices and gaps in services for persons who are deaf or hard of

2426 hearing;

2427 (3) Refer individuals with complaints concerning the qualification
2428 and registration of interpreters for persons who are deaf or hard of
2429 hearing to the entity designated pursuant to section 46a-10b;

2430 (4) Make recommendations for (A) technical assistance and
2431 resources for state agencies in order to serve persons who are deaf or
2432 hard of hearing; (B) public policy and legislative changes needed to
2433 address gaps in services; and (C) the qualifications and registration of
2434 interpreters pursuant to section 46a-33a. The board shall submit such
2435 recommendations, in accordance with section 11-4a, to the Governor
2436 and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
2437 cognizance of matters relating to human services.

2438 Sec. 99. Subsection (d) of section 2c-2h of the general statutes is
2439 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
2440 *passage*):

2441 (d) Not later than July 1, 2017, and not later than every ten years
2442 thereafter, the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
2443 having cognizance of any of the following governmental entities or
2444 programs shall conduct a review of the applicable entity or program in
2445 accordance with the provisions of section 2c-3:

2446 (1) Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Nursing, established
2447 under section 20-88;

2448 (2) Advisory and planning councils for regional centers for persons
2449 with intellectual disability, established under section 17a-273;

2450 (3) Automotive Glass Work and Flat Glass Work Board, established
2451 under section 20-331;

2452 (4) Electrical Work Board, established under section 20-331;

2453 [(5) Commission on the Deaf and Hearing Impaired, established
2454 under section 46a-27;]

2455 [(6)] (5) Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission,
2456 established under section 31-376; and

2457 [(7)] (6) Connecticut Marketing Authority, established under section
2458 22-63.

2459 Sec. 100. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 4-61aa of the
2460 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
2461 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

2462 (2) The [Commission on the Deaf and Hearing Impaired] Advisory
2463 Board for Persons Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing;

2464 Sec. 101. Subsection (g) of section 2c-2h of the general statutes is
2465 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
2466 *passage*):

2467 (g) Not later than July 1, 2020, and not later than every ten years
2468 thereafter, the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
2469 having cognizance of any of the following governmental entities or
2470 programs shall conduct a review of the applicable entity or program in
2471 accordance with the provisions of section 2c-3:

2472 (1) Office of Long Term Care Ombudsman, established under
2473 section 17a-405;

2474 (2) Regulation of nursing home administrators pursuant to chapter
2475 368v;

2476 (3) Regulation of hearing aid dealers pursuant to chapter 398; [and]

2477 (4) Plumbing and Piping Work Board, established under section 20-
2478 331; [.] and

2479 (5) Advisory Board for Persons Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing,
2480 established under section 46a-27, as amended by this act.

2481 Sec. 102. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 46a-33a of the
2482 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu

2483 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

2484 (1) "Interpreting" means the translating or transliterating of English
2485 concepts to a language concept used by a person who is deaf or hard of
2486 hearing or means the translating of a [deaf or hard of hearing person's]
2487 language concept of a person who is deaf or hard of hearing to English
2488 concepts. Language concepts include, but are not limited to, the use of
2489 American Sign Language, English-based sign language, cued speech,
2490 oral transliterating and information received tactually;

2491 Sec. 103. Subsection (b) of section 14-96p of the general statutes is
2492 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
2493 *October 1, 2017*):

2494 (b) Except as provided in section 14-96q, flashing lights are
2495 prohibited on motor vehicles, except: (1) Red and yellow lights when
2496 used for the purpose of receiving or discharging students on school
2497 buses; (2) white lights that are located on the top rear of school buses;
2498 (3) when such lights are used as a means for indicating a right or left
2499 turn; or (4) when such lights are used in any manner to indicate (A) a
2500 disabled vehicle that is stopped in a hazardous location on the
2501 highway, or in close proximity thereto, (B) a motor vehicle that is
2502 unable to maintain the minimum speed of forty miles per hour on a
2503 limited access divided highway because of the grade of such highway,
2504 (C) a motor vehicle that is operating at such slow speed as to obstruct
2505 or endanger following traffic on any highway, or (D) a student
2506 transportation vehicle, as defined in section 14-212, accommodating
2507 fifteen or fewer students with disabilities that is receiving or
2508 discharging such students. For the purpose of this subsection, the term
2509 "students with disabilities" means students who have intellectual
2510 disability, autism spectrum disorder, mental disability, visual
2511 impairment, blindness, [hearing impairment,] deafness, speech
2512 impairment [,] or orthopedic impairment, who are hard of hearing or
2513 who have another health impairment who, by reason thereof, require
2514 special education and related services.

2515 Sec. 104. Subdivision (15) of section 46a-51 of the general statutes is
2516 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
2517 *October 1, 2017*):

2518 (15) "Physically disabled" refers to any individual who has any
2519 chronic physical handicap, infirmity or impairment, whether
2520 congenital or resulting from bodily injury, organic processes or
2521 changes or from illness, including, but not limited to, epilepsy,
2522 deafness or [hearing impairment] being hard of hearing or reliance on
2523 a wheelchair or other remedial appliance or device;

2524 Sec. 105. Subsection (a) of section 51-217 of the general statutes is
2525 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
2526 *October 1, 2017*):

2527 (a) All jurors shall be electors, or citizens of the United States who
2528 are residents of this state having a permanent place of abode in this
2529 state and appear on the list compiled by the Jury Administrator under
2530 subsection (b) of section 51-222a, who have reached the age of
2531 eighteen. A person shall be disqualified to serve as a juror if such
2532 person: (1) Is found by a judge of the Superior Court to exhibit any
2533 quality which will impair the capacity of such person to serve as a
2534 juror, except that no person shall be disqualified [on the basis of
2535 deafness or hearing impairment] because the person is deaf or hard of
2536 hearing; (2) has been convicted of a felony within the past seven years
2537 or is a defendant in a pending felony case or is in the custody of the
2538 Commissioner of Correction; (3) is not able to speak and understand
2539 the English language; (4) is the Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
2540 Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General; (5)
2541 is a judge of the Probate Court, Superior Court, Appellate Court or
2542 Supreme Court, is a family support magistrate or is a federal court
2543 judge; (6) is a member of the General Assembly, provided such
2544 disqualification shall apply only while the General Assembly is in
2545 session; (7) is a registrar of voters or deputy registrar of voters of a
2546 municipality, provided such disqualification shall apply only during
2547 the period from twenty-one days before the date of a federal, state or

2548 municipal election, primary or referendum to twenty-one days after
2549 the date of such election, primary or referendum, inclusive; (8) is
2550 seventy years of age or older and chooses not to perform juror service;
2551 or (9) is incapable, by reason of a physical or mental disability, of
2552 rendering satisfactory juror service. Any person claiming a
2553 disqualification under subdivision (9) of this subsection must submit
2554 to the Jury Administrator a letter from a licensed health care provider
2555 stating the health care provider's opinion that such disability prevents
2556 the person from rendering satisfactory juror service. In reaching such
2557 opinion, the health care provider shall apply the following guideline:
2558 A person shall be capable of rendering satisfactory juror service if such
2559 person is able to perform a sedentary job requiring close attention for
2560 six hours per day, with short work breaks in the morning and
2561 afternoon sessions, for at least three consecutive business days.

2562 Sec. 106. Subsection (d) of section 51-245 of the general statutes is
2563 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
2564 *October 1, 2017*):

2565 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this
2566 section, if any juror is deaf or [hearing impaired] hard of, such juror
2567 shall have the assistance of a qualified interpreter who shall be present
2568 throughout the proceeding and when the jury assembles for
2569 deliberation. Such interpreter shall be provided by the Department of
2570 Rehabilitation Services at the request of the juror or the court. Such
2571 interpreter shall be subject to rules adopted pursuant to section 51-
2572 245a.

2573 Sec. 107. Section 51-245a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2574 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

2575 In accordance with the provisions of section 51-14, the judges of the
2576 Superior Court shall make such rules as they deem necessary
2577 concerning the qualification of interpreters to assist jurors who are
2578 deaf or [hearing impaired] hard of hearing pursuant to subsection (d)
2579 of section 51-245. Such rules shall ensure that such interpreters are

2580 unbiased and will not unduly influence the jury.

2581 Sec. 108. Section 52-146m of the general statutes is repealed and the
2582 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

2583 Any communication made by or to a person who is deaf or [hearing
2584 impaired person] hard of hearing with the assistance of a person
2585 operating special telecommunications equipment capable of serving
2586 the needs of persons who are deaf or [hearing impaired persons] hard
2587 of hearing shall be deemed to be confidential and privileged and shall
2588 not be disclosed by such operator in any civil or criminal case or
2589 proceeding or in any legislative or administrative proceeding, unless
2590 the person making the confidential communication waives such
2591 privilege.

2592 Sec. 109. Subdivision (5) of section 53a-181i of the general statutes is
2593 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
2594 *October 1, 2017*):

2595 (5) "Physical disability" means any chronic physical handicap,
2596 infirmity or impairment, whether congenital or resulting from bodily
2597 injury, organic processes or changes or from illness, including, but not
2598 limited to, blindness, epilepsy, deafness or [hearing impairment] being
2599 hard of hearing or reliance on a wheelchair or other remedial appliance
2600 or device.

2601 Sec. 110. Subsection (b) of section 10-16b of the general statutes is
2602 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
2603 *October 1, 2017*):

2604 (b) If a local or regional board of education requires its pupils to
2605 take a course in a world language, the parent or guardian of a pupil
2606 identified as deaf or [hearing impaired] hard of hearing may request in
2607 writing that such pupil be exempted from such requirement and, if
2608 such a request is made, such pupil shall be exempt from such
2609 requirement."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	1-25
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	4a-25a
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	4b-31(a)
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	6-38b(j)
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	8-37qqq(a)(2)(B)
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	8-119f
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	8-119ll
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	8-169c(a)(4) and (5)
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	8-210(d)
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	8-216b(c)
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	8-420(a)
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	9-168d(a)
Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	10-16b(b)
Sec. 14	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	10-16o(9)
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	10-29a(a)(44)
Sec. 16	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	10-73a(d)
Sec. 17	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	10-76jj
Sec. 18	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	10-145b(d)
Sec. 19	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	10a-157a(g)
Sec. 20	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	10-220a(a)
Sec. 21	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	10-292(a)
Sec. 22	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	10-293
Sec. 23	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	2c-2h(c)(3)
Sec. 24	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	5-175a(b)
Sec. 25	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	5-177
Sec. 26	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	10-295
Sec. 27	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	10-296
Sec. 28	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	10-297
Sec. 29	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	10-298(a)
Sec. 30	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	10-305
Sec. 31	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	10-306
Sec. 32	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	10-316a
Sec. 33	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	12-65g
Sec. 34	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	12-81(7)(B)
Sec. 35	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	12-412(19)
Sec. 36	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	12-412(46)
Sec. 37	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	12-455a(c)

Sec. 38	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	12-635
Sec. 39	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	13b-4a
Sec. 40	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	13b-4c
Sec. 41	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	13b-105
Sec. 42	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	14-1(54)
Sec. 43	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	14-36(e)(4)
Sec. 44	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	14-275b
Sec. 45	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	14-300i(a)
Sec. 46	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	14-307(c)
Sec. 47	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	14-314c(a)
Sec. 48	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	14-325b
Sec. 49	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	16a-15a
Sec. 50	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	16a-41(b)
Sec. 51	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	16-247e(a)
Sec. 52	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	16-333c
Sec. 53	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	17a-3(a)
Sec. 54	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	17a-301a
Sec. 55	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	17a-302(a)
Sec. 56	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	17a-303a
Sec. 57	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	17a-304
Sec. 58	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	17a-310
Sec. 59	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	17a-712
Sec. 60	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	17b-612
Sec. 61	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	17b-613
Sec. 62	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	17b-650a
Sec. 63	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	17b-650e
Sec. 64	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	17b-655(b)
Sec. 65	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	17b-894
Sec. 66	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	19a-6(a)
Sec. 67	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	19a-36(c)(2)(E)
Sec. 68	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	19a-54
Sec. 69	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	19a-59(b)
Sec. 70	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	19a-175(2)
Sec. 71	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	19a-490(a)
Sec. 72	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	19a-701
Sec. 73	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	19a-52
Sec. 74	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	19a-59(b)
Sec. 75	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	20-74a
Sec. 76	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	25-68d(h)
Sec. 77	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	26-29

Sec. 78	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	26-29b
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Sec. 81	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	31-12
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Sec. 86	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	31-283a(a)
Sec. 87	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	38a-465g(m)(2)
Sec. 88	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	38a-493(b)
Sec. 89	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	38a-496(a)(3)
Sec. 90	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	38a-520(b)
Sec. 91	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	38a-523(a)(2)
Sec. 92	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	38a-524(a)(3)
Sec. 93	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	42-330(1)
Sec. 94	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	46a-8
Sec. 95	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	46a-9
Sec. 96	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	46a-10
Sec. 97	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	46a-11
Sec. 98	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	46a-27
Sec. 99	<i>from passage</i>	2c-2h(d)
Sec. 100	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	4-61aa(a)(2)
Sec. 101	<i>from passage</i>	2c-2h(g)
Sec. 102	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	46a-33a(a)(1)
Sec. 103	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	14-96p(b)
Sec. 104	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	46a-51(15)
Sec. 105	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	51-217(a)
Sec. 106	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	51-245(d)
Sec. 107	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	51-245a
Sec. 108	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	52-146m
Sec. 109	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	53a-181i(5)
Sec. 110	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	10-16b(b)